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Ada, Oklahoma

## Hall of Fame inducts Cole, Paul ; Holman honored



**Rep. Tom Cole was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.**

Oklahoma Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole and former American Bar Association President William Paul were inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame during ceremonies on September 30. Geneva Holman was honored with the Silver Feather Award for contributions made to the preservation of Chickasaw history and culture. Awards were presented at the Murray State College Ballroom, Tishomingo, Okla.

"We are proud to honor these outstanding Chickasaw citizens," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Their dedication and devotion to service and pride in their heritage makes each of them a great role model for young Chickasaws."

While Congressman Cole was unable to attend the ceremony due to pressing matters in Congress, he did send a videotaped



**Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby (right) with Silver Feather Award recipient Geneva Holman and Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee William**

Paul, whose great-great-grandparents founded the city of Pauls Valley, Okla., said "I've had many blessings in my life, but none any finer or greater than this one tonight."

Mr. Paul, who was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Nov. 20, 2003, is former managing partner of Oklahoma's oldest and largest law firm, Crowe & Dunlevy, and past president of the American Bar Association. He was honored by Queen Elizabeth II, English Prime Minister Tony Blair and officials from many other countries for his leadership of the American Bar Association, the largest professional organization in the world.

Mr. Paul also expressed great pride that his family had played a major role in politics in Indian Territory and Oklahoma. His great-grandfather had been a senator in the Chickasaw Nation in the late 1800s and his father had been president of the Oklahoma Senate.

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an extraordinarily able and dedicated public servant," said Rep. Cole. "And when she was confronted with these dilemmas, she always had a saying. She said, 'You know, they pay you to show up and vote.' And since you pay me to show up and vote, I thought that's what I better do on matters of this particular importance."

Mr. Paul, who was inducted

### State of the Nation address

## 'Together We Will Write the Future'

Speaking to an enthusiastic crowd that overflowed into a video-equipped tent behind Fletcher Auditorium at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby declared that "The state of the Chickasaw Nation is strong! The journey continues, and together, we will write the future of the Chickasaw Nation and its people!"

Interrupted dozens of times by cheers and applause, Governor Anoatubby pointed out that the tribe has made significant strides in economic development, health care, education and housing.

Noting that tribal assets grew by \$50 million in FY 2003 and by \$90 million in FY 2004, Governor Anoatubby said the tribe was still in the early stages

of economic growth. Governor Anoatubby also pointed out that the unprecedented growth in revenue from tribal businesses was paving the way for self-sufficiency of the tribe and its citizens.

He noted that 16 years ago more than 99 percent of the tribal budget was funded with federal dollars, while today federal supplements only account for 34 percent of the tribal budget.

"We have seen the tangible results of this growth by the increase in the programs and services we provide," said Governor Anoatubby. "There is a direct correlation between the revenue we have and the programs provided."

"We have seen evidence in the improvement of our health

system, the activities and educational opportunities provided for our youth, the senior sites for our elders, and the progress of our housing programs. These things would have been unattainable just a few short years ago."

Advances in the health system include a new state-of-the-art 8,500-square-foot diabetes care center, which provides a full range of services, from vision care to nutrition and exercise consultation, as well as a new 30,000-square-foot Family Life Center and wellness facility in Ada.

Many services offered at these facilities focus on prevention of diabetes and other health problems.

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## New Purcell health clinic opens



**Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, along with tribal legislators, administrators and local residents cut the ribbon on the Chickasaw Nation Purcell Health Clinic Oct. 6.**

PURCELL, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation officials opened the doors of the Purcell Health Clinic Oct. 6 during a grand opening celebration. The clinic is located on the Chickasaw Nation campus at 1438 Hardcastle Boulevard in Purcell.

The 10,086-square-foot appointment-based clinic offers outpatient general and family practice medicine, laboratory

testing, pharmacy and ultrasound exams. In the future, the clinic also hopes to offer optometry services.

“Quality health care services are provided every day to those we serve,” Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. “With the new Purcell clinic, patients will receive quality care while reducing travel time.”

The Purcell Health Clinic

joins other Chickasaw Nation Health Facilities in Ada, Ardmore, Durant and Tishomingo. The Purcell clinic will provide more convenient services to Chickasaws and other Native Americans living in McClain, Cleveland and Garvin counties.

“It takes more than bricks and mortar to have an excellent health facility. It also depends on the quality of staff,” said Bill Lance, tribal health system administrator. “We are very proud to offer an outstanding clinic and wonderful staff members to the Purcell area.”

The clinic has 16 employees, including a physician, a registered nurse and a pharmacy clerk.

“Today we are one step closer to our dream of building a health clinic every 35 miles within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries,” Gov. Anoatubby said.

Hours of operation for the clinic are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the Purcell Health Clinic, call (580) 527-4700.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

## Registration deadline Nov. 22

## Winter Baseball Camp scheduled

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Winter Baseball Camp is scheduled Dec. 20-21 at the Ardmore High School indoor baseball facilities.

The camp will host 150 Native American youth, ages nine to 18, or through high school senior,

who are presently involved in a summer youth league or high school baseball program.

The camp is free to Native Americans, with Chickasaw preference.

The camp registration deadline is Nov. 22.

The professional camp staff will include Native American and Seattle Mariners pitcher Bobby Madritsch; Cincinnati Reds coach Randy Whistler, Cincinnati Reds coach; Pittsburgh Pirates scout Rip Garcia; as well as NCAA Division 1 coaches, local coaches and many others.

Camp instruction will focus on improving the fundamental skills of hitting, pitching and fielding. An emphasis will be placed on giving each camper the proper instruction that will help improve his level of play and decrease his potential for injury.

Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt, a ball cap and a pullover jacket.

For more information, call Danny Wall at (580) 310-6620 or Barry Needham at (580)

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

## October 2004 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 22-001

Approval of Revised Development Budget for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Chickasaw Agency Project

Explanation: This resolution approves the revision to the Development Budget in the additional amount of \$1,315,700.00.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes as amended: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-002

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real

property, containing 49.95 acres, more or less, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, and described as Part of the W/2 of the W/2 of the SW/4 and Part of the SW/4 of the SW/4 of the NW/4 of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 8 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, is such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

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**Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.**

### No plans for per capita

*Any reference to a per capita payment in any amount to individual Chickasaw citizens is unfounded. The Chickasaw Nation has not authorized any such payment.*

*Each dollar is committed to improving the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people. The revenues from the businesses are dedicated to funding health care, senior sites, educational opportunities, tribal government operations, youth and family programs and all the other programs and services from which we all benefit.*

*We have no excess dollars to be utilized. If cash payments were to be made, the dollars would have to be taken away from one of the programs and/or services currently offered.*

# Tribal resources best invested in Chickasaws

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**  
Governor  
Chickasaw Nation

As a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, you receive a hearty amount of information from the tribe. It is important that each citizen be well-informed regarding his or her tribe and what is going on in tribal government and tribal business.

We send out printed messages, emails and other communications, all designed to provide you a good understanding of what your tribe is doing.

Sometimes, as we go through the tribal information we receive, we may lose some of our contact with the human side of these messages.

And it's the human side that really counts. It is each individual

Chickasaw whose life is touched by his tribe that matters.

You know from previous articles that our Chickasaw Enterprises businesses are performing very well. For the fiscal year just completed, our commercial enterprises achieved new records for sales and profits.

That is very good news for the Chickasaw Nation, but not simply because we produced more resources. The truly important part of that business story is how that performance impacts Chickasaw people.

Those additional resources mean a Chickasaw family will move into a good quality, comfortable new home. Because of our success on the business front, a Chickasaw student will be awarded a scholarship that will allow her to finish her college education and compete for a



**Gov. Bill Anoatubby**

good job. Additional sales equals a happy smile on a Chickasaw boy's face when he makes use of his new school supplies and has the clothing he needs when returning to class.

Making money is good when it is put to use for the good of people. That is what our business plan is all about. I see those new resources as they make real and positive differences in the

lives of thousands of Chickasaws each and every day.

Chickasaw history tells us that our tribe has always taken care of its people. Our heritage is to be accountable to our elders, our young people and our fellow citizens. We have followed that path for centuries, even as we were under extreme pressure to change, and our path has proved to be the right one.

So when we read about our business performance, we don't read about it as a corporation board might. We see those resources not as some pot to be hoarded. We always see our resources as a means to help and support our citizens.

Our mission is to improve the lives of Chickasaw people, and in that mission we never waver.

## Note of thanks

The Marshall County Chickasaw Council, Inc. wishes to thank everyone for making its Indian Taco Fund Raiser a success.

The council is encouraged and appreciative of the community and surrounding areas support for the park and

activity center which is the council's goal. The council has a long way to go to realize its dream, but the continued effort and support of each one of you will help us to make that dream a reality.

We thank you all very much!

## State of the Nation, continued from page 1

"Our diabetes care center offers the most comprehensive diabetic care in all of Indian country," said Governor Anoatubby. "The program has been so successful that we were asked to participate in a national diabetes education program with the message that we have the power to prevent diabetes."

Construction is also under way on a wellness center in Ardmore, with plans for similar centers in Tishomingo and Sulphur.

A health clinic recently completed in Purcell also brings the tribe one step closer to having health care facilities within 35 miles of every Chickasaw citizen.

From FY 2003 to FY 2004, the tribe's education budget was increased by 36 percent.

"Education is a high priority, because we are investing into the development of the future leaders of the tribe," said Governor Anoatubby. "Education provides opportunities. It opens doors. Education lends itself to self-sufficiency by giving us the tools we need to succeed."

Increased funding of education programs enabled the tribe to award more than 1,500 scholarships and grants. The tribe also provided Head Start for more than 250 students. The program goes beyond conventional Head Start programs to provide language programs, cultural activi-

ties and historical tours.

Other education programs include a variety of award programs, academic competitions, computer literacy programs, leadership camp, entrepreneurship camp and the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy among others.

In addition, ground was recently broken on the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

"The cultural center will become the Mecca for Chickasaw studies and culture," said Governor Anoatubby. "Above all else, it will be a place for Chickasaws to learn and enjoy. But, we hope that by visiting the cultural center, others will gain a better understanding for who we are."

There has also been significant growth in seniors programs, with the May opening of a senior site in Purcell and the opening of a senior site in Pauls Valley scheduled within weeks.

"These sites are more than buildings," said Governor Anoatubby. "Here our elders can gather at a place all their own. They can share their time with friends, play games, make crafts and even e-mail thanks to our computer literacy program for elders."

"Our seniors are one of our most important treasures and we will continue working to provide for them, as they provided for us

in the past."

Major advances in the housing program are another area of success, with one program singled out for recognition by the Harvard University School of Government.

The Chuka Chukmasi program has provided more than \$19.3 million in home loans

to more than 280 families in a dozen states, and was recognized as one of the eight most effective and significant tribal government programs in the country.

Other housing programs provide for low income housing assistance through new home construction as well as rental

assistance. This past year alone 85 new homes were constructed and another 47 are currently under construction.

Housing programs also installed 579 storm shelters and a newly added program is providing safe rooms for those who cannot access below ground shelters.

## Artrain and Old Bank Gallery feature Chickasaw art



School kids learn how to make clay doll faces from artisan Glen-da Roach. Roach was a local demonstrating artist on Artrain USA that visited Ada in late September. The Artrain USA is a contemporary Native American art exhibition. The Artrain USA's visit to Ada was co-sponsored by the Ada Arts and Humanities Council and the Chickasaw Nation, with major funding furnished through generous grants from the Chickasaw Nation and the Oklahoma Arts Council.

A large Southeastern-style pot made by Chickasaw artist Joanna Underwood on display at the Old Bank Gallery. The pot took two weeks to make. It is made of stoneware clay with fired bits of clay used as a tempter to add texture and a rougher feel. It was made by hand-coiling the clay. It is a Southeast scroll design representing elements like water or wind. To get the color, the pot was smoked in cedar.





## *Festival offers great time to reflect, kick off year*



**Linda Briggs**  
Chairman  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

Another Festival come and gone - and what a FESTIVAL it was! The program in the auditorium (and nearby packed to

overflowing tents!) was truly an extravaganza. A performance on a very professional level, it was incredible that except for male dancers "borrowed" from the University of Oklahoma School of Dance (to play the roles of warriors) all participants in the program were tribal employees! The entire production was written and directed by our own Multi Media Department and the choreography was done by a local dance instructor. The extraordinarily talented David Ballard from the Multi Media Department played an enormous role in that effort, even to composing, playing and singing the music and Julie Ray from the Education Department was wonderful in the role of the

Storyteller. What a gift we were given in their sharing of all that incredible talent with us. Accolades to all of them - they make us proud!

And proud is how we felt as the Governor gave his Address to the Nation. We have accomplished so much and so many more plans are in the making.

We are off to another new year on our Chickasaw calendar (October 1) and we are anticipating a continuation of the enrichment of Chickasaw lives through our many programs for both young, old and in between! My fellow legislators have paid me the great honor of giving me once again the role of representing them as Chairman of the Legislature and I am humbled by their

vote of confidence. I will continue to use my time and energy to help all of us enhance the lives of Chickasaws everywhere.

On a personal level I will share with you a wonderful experience. Back in the summer when I was campaigning for my seat on the Legislature I visited on the phone with many of you who live outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. One such visit was with Mrs. Tennie Baxter of Waco, Texas. She told me she had a rare history of the Chickasaws book and other mementoes that had been in her family since the Removal and she wished to donate the items to our museum. I told her that when I could I would come to Waco to meet her personally and to pick up the items she wished

to share with all of us through the museum. Last week I went to Waco and what a splendid day we had! We visited (and visited and visited) and I had to make myself leave for the long drive back to Oklahoma. And the book is a great gift as well as the other items. (She would have loved to see the fascination everyone had with the treasures!) A large THANK YOU to a beautiful lady and to a wonderful new friend!

And to all of you may you have a wonderful, beautiful Fall, both in the sights around you and in your personal lives. God Bless You!

Linda Briggs

## *Tribal land base growing through Land Committee*

Greetings from the Chickasaw Legislature and your Land Development Committee

As you know, the Land Development Committee is a standing committee of the Chickasaw Legislature. We review all legislation that relates to the acquisition of property, acceptance of property, permits, and approval of leases.

During this 21st year of our Legislature, we have considered 62 different pieces of legislation. For summary, I will brief you on those resolutions that were presented to our committee.

Thirty-eight resolutions were considered for the purchase of property. Those purchases were for a variety of reasons including business expansion, program expansion, and potential for future economic development. Of the 38 considered, three resolutions failed. Of the 35 resolutions approved, many transactions have been completed and some are in the process of completion. An approved resolution does not mean that the transaction for purchase of property will be completed.

Of the sixty-two resolutions considered, 14 were for the purposes of leases. That land is either owned by the Chickasaw Nation, or may be jointly owned by both the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. Usually,

the leases are either for oil and gas leases, or for agricultural purposes. Our resolutions also included business, coal, property for energy purposes, and land leases.

The eight resolutions were for acceptance of property for two primary purposes. Seven of the resolutions were acceptance of property for economic development, and one was the acceptance of property for a parking lot.

Two resolutions approved the permit for seismic surveys; we were approving the completion of the seismic work. As you can see, we do not receive many resolutions of this type.

Our committee meets on a monthly basis. At times, we will take a field trip and either view the land that is being considered for purchase either as a group or individually. We always review the land descriptions, standing buildings, and intended purpose for the land. After the committee meets and approves a resolution to be placed on the agenda, the resolution is then presented to the committee of the whole the Monday night before Legislative Session. If there are questions from the Legislature, we try to get those questions answered prior to the Legislative Session. The Legislature then votes on the resolutions during Legislative

Session. We use a variety of resources to help us in making decisions, including expertise from the Administrative Branch.

The former chair person of the Land and Development Committee was Mr. Robert Walton. We have continued to carry on some of the work started by Mr. Walton. Our committee members included Legislators D. Scott Colbert, Tishomingo District, Mary Jo Green, Ponototoc District, Melvin Burris, Ponototoc District, Chairperson of the Legislature Linda Briggs, Pickens District, Dean McManus, Pontotoc District, Steve Woods, Tishomingo District, and myself, Chairman of the Land Development Com-

mittee, Judy Goforth Parker, Pontotoc District. Our secretary for all Land meetings is Monette (Lynie) Richardson. Lynie has worked for the Legislature approximately 12 years and has been recorder for the Land Development Committee for most of that time.

As you can see, we are a busy and productive committee. We are looking out for the best interests of the Chickasaw Nation and will continue to do so. Already this year, we have met and have considered new resolutions in the 22nd year of the Legislature. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to hearing from you. [jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu](mailto:jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu)



**Dr. Judy Goforth Parker**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Judy Goforth Parker  
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

### **Thank you from Beth Alexander**



Dear Panola District:

Thank you for your support in the recent election. I am excited and blessed to continue serving you as your Legislator.

Please feel free to contact me if you have concerns or ideas that will enhance Panola District and the Chickasaw Nation. My goal for this term, is to increase awareness of the tribal services available to the Panola District.

Again thank you and I look forward to hearing from you whether in person, by phone or by mail.

Sincerely,  
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# Patient visits top 231,000 for seven months



**Mary Jo Green**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings and happy new fiscal year from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! October begins Fiscal Year 2005 and we are excited about the possibilities for our Chickasaw Nation in 2005.

Bill Lance, Administrator of the Chickasaw Health System has provided the following information for this month's report. The total number of hospitalizations at Carl Albert for September was 220 and a 7 month total was 1,528. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,106 for

September and 98,874 for the last 7 months. Emergency Room visits were 997 in September and 7,048 in the last 7 months. The number of surgeries for September was 256 and 1,676 for the last 7 months. The Same-day Clinic saw 2,835 patients in September and 19,274 in the last 7 months.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,718 patients in September and 32,658 in the last 7 months. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,079 for September and 20,692 in the last 7 months. The Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,610 patients in September and 17,712 in the last 7 months. The Durant Clinic saw 2,584 patients in September and 17,745 in the last 7 months.

The total number of patients seen or admitted in the last 7 months for all clinics and the hospital is 231,313. As large as that number is, it should go up in the near future as the work of the new Purcell Clinic begins to be reported.

I spent a wonderful 5 days this month with the Ada Senior Citizens group on a bus trip to Nashville and Dollywood. The Chickasaw Nation bus is beau-

tiful and a nice way to see the countryside. The Seniors sold candy bars and held pie auctions to raise the money for the trip. The adventure was fun, the company was good and I'm very thankful for the experience.

Many of you have contacted me with concerns and requests. I thank you for the communications and hope that I can con-

tinue to serve the needs of my fellow Chickasaw. Please continue to send any comments or questions you may have. Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you!

For your information,

my articles are now located on Chickasaw.net web site. May God bless our health care providers and also our Indian people that they may be in better health in the coming year. Thank you.

## Kickboxing classes available in Ada

ADA – In this age of healthy living, Chickasaw Nation tribal members, employees and their families now have another avenue to put their best foot forward when it comes to exercise.

Matt Clark, the tribe's martial arts coordinator, now offers his expertise in the area of aerobic kickboxing with two classes a week at the Family Life Center, 229 Seabrook in Ada.

Classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. for participants 14 years old and older. Plans in the future include offering classes in Ardmore and Achille.

There is no charge for tribal members or employees and their families.

Clark said the classes were another way the tribal Department of Youth Services promotes and contributes to healthy lifestyles.

"Aerobic kickboxing is a fast-paced exercise that helps the cardiovascular system get a strong workout, a workout unlike that of weight lifting, which is anaerobic," Clark said.

"It also offers another form of exercise program to put into participants' overall fitness regimens."

The classes will begin with a basic beginner pace with an advanced class planned in the future for those who want a little more strenuous workout.

The exercise classes are offered through a "Tribal Youth Lead Promotion of Active Living" grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation delivered through UNITY, United National Indian Tribal Youth.

For more information on the classes, call (580) 272-5504.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

## Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Sept. 13, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Tim Colbert

Legislative Committee

Sept. 17, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus

Oct. 4, 2004

Present: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus

Finance Committee

Oct. 4, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

Oct. 4, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus

Education Committee

Oct. 4, 2004

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee

Oct. 4, 2004

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus

## 2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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# Justices promote peacemaking; visit with Houston Council



**Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred**  
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Chukma! What a beautiful fall we have been blessed with this year. The judicial department has had a couple of wonderful months enjoying and embracing all of the celebrations and challenges in September and October.

I would like to begin this month by sending my appreciation to all of you who wrapped my family and me in your loving arms and helped us through a very difficult time with the sudden death of my mother, Donna Bellefeuille. I would like to say, "Thank you," to the Chickasaw Nation citizens, Executive Department, Legislative Department, Judicial Department and all of the employees for your kindness, your visits, cards and thoughtfulness shown to my family and I during this last month. My mother believed in the Chickasaw Nation. She was so proud to be a part of the Chickasaw employee base and to contribute her talents to the tribe on a daily basis. My mother was a great woman and I am very proud to have been her daughter. Words can never adequately express my feelings of gratitude for your support

during such a difficult time.

To begin the month, the judicial department had a wonderful time participating in the activities associated with Festival week. We attended the Princess pageant, Hall of Fame banquet, the parade and the inspirational Nations Address. We also distributed information at the Capital in Tishomingo on Saturday, October 2, 2004.

Justice Smith was invited to teach Bench Skills for Tribal Judges at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, September 27, 2004. It is an honor to be invited, as the faculty members are Judges from all over the world who volunteer their time to teach at the National Judicial College. This may be the first time we have had a Justice as faculty at the National Judicial College. However, we are very proud of her efforts and participation representing the Judicial Department of the Chickasaw Nation.

Our visit to the Houston Community Council was September 28, 2004. We had an amazing time with our Houston citizens! Legislators Linda Briggs and Dean McManus joined us and we appreciate the continued support of our Legislators as well as our Chickasaw citizens. We held a drawing for a big Bedre basket of candy and Ed Travis was the lucky winner.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma marked the beginning of another chapter in the book of progress for the Chickasaw Nation. The Cultural Center will provide an environment to

come together as Chickasaw's and the opportunity to teach the world about the Chickasaw Nation. Once again, our leadership and the support of the citizens are making great things happen in our Nation.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Eldred and Justice Barbara A. Smith conducted the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected officers on October 1, 2004. Mark H. Colbert was sworn in as Supreme Court Justice; Tim Colbert, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, and Mary Jo Green were all sworn in as Legislators.

The Peacemaking Court has two (2) peacemakers attending the conference titled, "Circle Training (Restorative Justice)" in Grand Forks, North Dakota the first week of November, 2004. Court Advocate Dustin Rowe and Supreme Court Clerk Jason Burwell will accompany the peacemakers to North Dakota for the training. Justice Smith has held several Peacemaking retreats to train our Peacemakers to provide a valuable service to our citizens. In the upcoming months each of the peacemakers



**Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred presents lucky winner Ed Travis with a Bedre Basket.**

will receive instruction in mediation, talking circles and peacemaking.

The Supreme Court Justices had the opportunity to attend the viewing of the movie, "BLACK-CLOUD" on October 12, 2004. Justice Colbert, Justice Smith and I were deeply moved by the production and were honored to be a part of the viewing. Rick Schroeder wrote, produced and acted in the movie. Mr. Schroeder attended a reception at Headquarters after the movie signing autographs and visiting with those attending the movie.

The Supreme Court Justices and Judge Duck will be attending the National American Indian Judges Association Conference October 25, 2004 through October 28, 2004 in California. We hope to have an opportunity to visit with other tribal justices and judges while we are there.



**Justice Barbara Smith and Rick Schroeder visit during the reception for "Black Cloud" a movie written produced and acted in by Mr. Schroeder.**

## Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



**D. Scott Colbert**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

## Chickasaw District Court news

The Chickasaw Nation District Court opened an additional 37 cases in September to bring the total number of new cases filed in the District Court to 290 since January 1, 2004.

The Court Advocates met with 100 new clients to assist with their legal issues. This brings the total number of clients seen by the court advocates since January 1, 2004

to 929. Absolutely amazing! To schedule and appointment with an advocate call: 580-235-0279.

The Supreme Court Justices are evaluating the District Court docket to determine if we need to schedule court days twice a week. Of course any changes in the District Court schedule will be posted on the internet at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) and go to the Judicial link for more

information. Our goal for the Peacemaking court is January 2005.

Our goal for the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department is to uphold the highest integrity, best training, education and professionalism necessary to ensure the success of the Chickasaw Nation and their citizens. If you have questions about the activities



*Battling through the Bataan Death March***Chickasaw warrior overcame untold obstacles**

**Wesley Ray, right, with his brother Ike and his mother Mollie Ray, an original enrollee.**

Several months after suffering through the Bataan Death March, Sgt. Wesley Parker Ray had been dumped for the second time into the zero ward of the Japanese prisoner of war camp, a dark room with a dirt floor covered with straw reserved for prisoners thought to have no chance of survival.

When a Catholic priest who had administered last rites the first time Sgt. Ray was in the zero ward came in to repeat the procedure, Sgt. Ray refused, saying "No, I'm going to go home and see the American flag fly again."

Not only did the late Chickasaw warrior Sgt. Wesley Parker Ray make it home "to see the American flag fly again," he made a career of protecting that flag.

An Army Air Corps military policeman stationed at Clark Air Force Base when the Japanese bombed the facility Dec. 8, 1941, one day after the Pearl Harbor attack, Sgt. Ray became a member of the Air Corps provisional infantry regiment.

With no previous combat

training, he became part of the force fighting against all odds to prevent the Japanese takeover of the Bataan peninsula.

Reduced to half rations of less than 1,000 calories a day, troops on Bataan battled starvation, malaria, scurvy, dysentery and beriberi as well as a brutal assault from the Japanese.

During one battle in this extremely difficult time, Sgt. Ray rescued several fellow troops under heavy enemy machine gun fire. He was later awarded a Silver Star for gallantry under fire for this action.

After they were finally forced to surrender on April 19, 1942, U.S. and Philippine troops were subjected to the Bataan Death March, one of the most brutal events ever recorded in the history of modern warfare.

Some 12,000 American troops started the march

Separated into groups of 100 to 125, the men, already in an incredibly weakened condition, were forced to march for miles in searing heat. Guarded by eight to 10 Japanese soldiers, the groups were followed by a "buzzard

squad" who shot, beheaded or bayoneted on the spot any man who fell and was unable to resume the march.

While the troops often marched by sources of fresh water, they were cruelly prohibited from drinking this water. Their wickedly spiteful captors would, however, allow the marchers to drink from obviously stagnant and diseased pools. A tactic that led to painfully prolonged death from dysentery and other diseases.

During the march, Sgt. Ray saw many of his comrades die, some at the hands of Japanese soldiers, others who took their own lives.

One incident he told relatives about was watching one man die by bayonet on a bridge and then seeing the man next to the fallen soldier taking a fatal leap off the bridge to avoid a similar death by bayonet at the hands of his captors.

Some made part of the trip by train, packed into boxcars like sardines with virtually no ventilation. Many of those never

survived that portion of the trip and actually died standing up, because there was no room to fall.

Many survivors of the march subsequently died in POW camps at Camp O'Donnell and Cabanatuan.

Despite unusually cruel treatment and twice being given up for dead, Sgt. Ray survived the ordeal by force of will and a determination to live to see his family.

He not only survived, he became strong enough later in his captivity to be assigned to help raise chickens for the Japanese.

During this assignment, he risked his own life several times to sneak chickens back to his fellow prisoners to eat. He was later awarded a Bronze Star for this action. While Sgt. Ray didn't talk often of his experiences, his nephew, Jerry Ray, wanted to relay his story because he feels people can gain strength from it.

"When I was in Vietnam I thought a lot about Uncle Wesley," said Jerry. "And if he could

do what he did, then I could certainly try to do what I could do. In any war you're scared when they start shooting at you. Then you try to overcome your fears the best you can.

"I went through some pretty tough stuff, but it was nothing compared to what he went through. I think it's important to know what kind of spirit people can have in their down times.

"And it doesn't have to be in war," said Jerry, who is suffering from Agent Orange related cancer. "The spirit is there, you just have to reach down and grab it."

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

### **Thank you**

The Marshall County Chickasaw County, Inc., were honored to have the attendance of Barbara Smith and associates of the judicial department at our Sept. 14, 2004 council meeting.

Thank you, your presentation was terrific and we enjoyed having you all at our meeting.

### **'Its About Money'**

## **Minority supplier development offers opportunity for Chickasaw businesses**



**J.D. Colbert**

**By J.D. COLBERT**

An upcoming event that all of our Chickasaw members who own and run their own businesses should know about is the Business Opportunity Fair hosted by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO). This event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at the brand new Cherokee Casino and Resort in Catoosa.

The AICCO 2004 Business Opportunity Fair affords the Native small business owner a unique opportunity to market good and services as well as

to network with other Native-owned businesses and a small segment of representatives from the Fortune 500. In addition, representatives of certain federal agencies and non-profit companies will be on hand. I strongly urge you to consider attending this event.

In addition, I would urge you to consider joining the AICCO if you are not already a member. The AICCO is a statewide organization with active chapters in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Durant. Each chapter holds regular monthly meetings. These meetings typically are over a buffet style lunch and usually feature a speaker who addresses issues of great importance to the small business owner.

The Oklahoma City chapter of the AICCO meets at Twin Hills Country Club located near the intersection of I-35 and northeast 36<sup>th</sup> street. The OKC Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The Tulsa chapter usually meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

and they too meet over lunch with a speaker. The Tulsa chapter typically meets at the Hilton Hotel on south Lewis Avenue across from Oral Roberts.

Membership and active participation in the American Indian Chamber is an excellent way to promote and grow your business. The luncheons and other special events of the AICCO afford ample opportunity for networking. More information about the AICCO can be found on the chamber's website at [www.aicco.org](http://www.aicco.org). I urge you to join and become an active member.

*J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$70 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.*

# Tribe expands popular home mortgage program to employees

All Chickasaw Nation employees will now be able to benefit from an award-winning home loan program which has provided more than \$22 million in home loans to 308 Native American families in a dozen states.

Initiated in 1998, the Chuka Chukmasi (beautiful home) loan program is a cooperative effort among the Chickasaw Nation, PMI Mortgage Insurance Company, First Mortgage of Oklahoma City, and Fannie Mae to provide low down payment, flexible home loans for Chickasaw citizens.

In November 2003, the program was recognized by the Harvard School of Government

as one of the eight most effective and significant tribal government programs in the country.

Expansion of the program to more than 5,500 tribal employees is the result of a collaboration with Fannie Mae to create an Employer Assisted Housing initiative - the first such collaboration with an Indian nation in Oklahoma.

“This program has been extremely successful in helping us meet the housing needs of our citizens across the country, and we are pleased to be able to offer it as a benefit to our employees,” said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

A variety of mortgage options on loans up to \$333,700 are

available through the Chuka Chukmasi program. Second mortgages are also available to applicants to assist with down payment and other closing costs.

Loan applications are evaluated by an automated underwriting system that doesn't recognize marital status, age or race.

Another important part of the program is the in-depth home ownership counseling provided to home buyers.

The home ownership counseling helps to relieve some of the frustration and confusion first time home buyers often face by helping people understand the home buying and home owning

experience before they buy.

Started as a way to help buyers fulfill the counseling requirements of Chuka Chukmasi program, home ownership counseling is also open to anyone interested in making a more informed home buying decision.

Fannie Mae has assisted more than 650 public and private employers across the nation establish EAH plans, with a goal to help 1,000 employers across American establish these plans by the end of the decade. Through its EAH initiative, Fannie Mae provides free technical assistance to employers that are interested in developing EAH plans.

### Fannie Mae's participation

in the Chickasaw Nation EAH program is part of the company's new goals under the American Dream Commitment. This includes an effort to identify the housing tools, such as EAH programs, that can have the greatest impact in serving working families and then expand the use of these tools to create workforce housing solutions.

For information on Fannie Mae's affordable mortgage products or for a list of local lenders, consumers may call Fannie Mae's Consumer resource Center at 1-800-7FANNIE (1-800-732-6643) Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ESTributed** by Tony Choate,  
tribal media relations.

*Total net assets for fiscal year top \$244 million*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for

education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Several year-end adjustments also have not been made.

**Executive Summary of the  
Financial Statements of the  
period ending September 30,  
2004**

## Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$1.9 million for the month and \$37.1 million for the year.

Expenditures for the month were \$2.9 million and \$22.5 for the year to date which is slightly less than the budget for the period then ended. Expenditures for construction of fixed assets totaled \$12.8 million for the year to date. Current expenditures for fixed assets are included in fixed assets.

## Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$332.5 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$110.1 million for the year to date and was better than budget. Expenditures for fixed asset were \$8.4 million for the month and \$48 million year.

## Statement of Net Assets

| <b>Chickasaw County</b><br><b>Financial Statements</b><br><b>Balance Sheet and Statement of Position</b><br><b>For the Year Ending September 30, 2024</b> |                                    |                                  |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Fund</b><br><b>Governmental</b> | <b>Fund</b><br><b>Enterprise</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                                                                                                                           |                                    |                                  |                |
| Taxes and other income                                                                                                                                    | 4,461,450.00                       | 2,042,000.00                     | 6,503,450.00   |
| Grants and contributions                                                                                                                                  | 2,000,000.00                       | 1,000,000.00                     | 3,000,000.00   |
| Interest on bonds                                                                                                                                         | 40,000.00                          | 200,000.00                       | 240,000.00     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                           |                                    |                                  |                |
| General government                                                                                                                                        | 3,000,000.00                       |                                  | 3,000,000.00   |
| Public safety                                                                                                                                             | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Education                                                                                                                                                 | 2,000,000.00                       |                                  | 2,000,000.00   |
| Health and welfare                                                                                                                                        | 200,000.00                         |                                  | 200,000.00     |
| Housing                                                                                                                                                   | 3,000,000.00                       |                                  | 3,000,000.00   |
| Transportation                                                                                                                                            | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Utilities                                                                                                                                                 | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Debt service                                                                                                                                              | 200,000.00                         |                                  | 200,000.00     |
| Capital expenditures                                                                                                                                      | 3,000,000.00                       |                                  | 3,000,000.00   |
| Miscellaneous                                                                                                                                             |                                    | 200,000.00                       | 200,000.00     |
| Total expenses                                                                                                                                            | 16,000,000.00                      | 200,000.00                       | 16,200,000.00  |
| Revenue less expenses                                                                                                                                     | 1,461,450.00                       | 1,842,000.00                     | 3,303,450.00   |
| Net change in fund balance                                                                                                                                | 1,461,450.00                       | 1,842,000.00                     | 3,303,450.00   |
| Beginning fund balance                                                                                                                                    | 25,000,000.00                      | 100,000,000.00                   | 125,000,000.00 |
| Ending fund balance                                                                                                                                       | 26,461,450.00                      | 101,842,000.00                   | 128,303,450.00 |
| <b>Statement of Position</b>                                                                                                                              |                                    |                                  |                |
| Fixed Assets                                                                                                                                              |                                    |                                  |                |
| Land                                                                                                                                                      | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Buildings                                                                                                                                                 | 2,000,000.00                       |                                  | 2,000,000.00   |
| Equipment                                                                                                                                                 | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Total Fixed Assets                                                                                                                                        | 4,000,000.00                       |                                  | 4,000,000.00   |
| Current Assets                                                                                                                                            |                                    |                                  |                |
| Cash                                                                                                                                                      | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Accounts Receivable                                                                                                                                       | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Inventory                                                                                                                                                 | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Prepaid Expenses                                                                                                                                          | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Total Current Assets                                                                                                                                      | 4,000,000.00                       |                                  | 4,000,000.00   |
| Total Assets                                                                                                                                              | 8,000,000.00                       |                                  | 8,000,000.00   |
| Liabilities                                                                                                                                               |                                    |                                  |                |
| Accounts Payable                                                                                                                                          | 1,000,000.00                       |                                  | 1,000,000.00   |
| Long-Term Debt                                                                                                                                            | 7,000,000.00                       |                                  | 7,000,000.00   |
| Total Liabilities                                                                                                                                         | 8,000,000.00                       |                                  | 8,000,000.00   |
| Net Position                                                                                                                                              |                                    |                                  |                |
| Fund Balance                                                                                                                                              |                                    |                                  |                |
| Unassigned                                                                                                                                                | 1,461,450.00                       |                                  | 1,461,450.00   |
| Assigned                                                                                                                                                  | 3,303,450.00                       |                                  | 3,303,450.00   |
| Total Fund Balance                                                                                                                                        | 4,764,900.00                       |                                  | 4,764,900.00   |
| Other Net Position                                                                                                                                        |                                    |                                  |                |
| Total Other Net Position                                                                                                                                  |                                    |                                  |                |
| Total Net Position                                                                                                                                        | 4,764,900.00                       |                                  | 4,764,900.00   |
| Total Liabilities and Net Position                                                                                                                        | 12,764,900.00                      |                                  | 12,764,900.00  |



**Johnathon DelFrate**

**Johnathon Terrence DelFrate** celebrated his third birthday, August 7, 2004 at Six Flags over Texas with his parents, his Grandma Paulette and his two cousins, Isiah and Micah.

An exciting time was had for all. Johnathon was able to experience rides that tested his courage and stamina and was able to ride some of the attractions without showing any fear or hesitation.

Johnathon is the son of Stephanie and Terry DelFrate. He is the grandson of Paulette Greenwood and John and Judy DelFrate. He is the great-grandson of Cordelia and the late Henry Greenwood.

We look forward to Johnathon's fourth birthday. Who knows what kind of adventure his family will have planned?

**Dylan Williamson**

**Dylan Williamson** celebrated his fourth birthday on Sept. 9, 2004 at Wintersmith Park, Ada, Okla., with friends and family.

Spiderman was his birthday theme.

He is the son of Dana Williamson and the grandson of Clay and Maxene Williamson.

His greatest hero is actually his older brother Connor who thinks his little brother is the "Best of the Best."



**Mrs. Lettie B. Brunk** celebrated her 104th birthday October 4, 2004.

She was born in 1900, and remembers riding a horse-drawn surrey to school. Her mother was Chickasaw.

Mrs. Brunk remembers receiving land when she was young, about 200-300 acres. Their dad took care of it, farmed, and leased it out when they were young. When she and her sisters were old enough to go to school they were sent to boarding school.

After marrying and moving into a house near the rodeo grounds, Mrs. Brunk and her late husband, Robert Brunk, ran a grocery store where the empty lot is across from where Sonic Drive In is now.

Her favorite past time was playing bridge, but now she works puzzles and reads. Ms. Brunk claims she has never had a drink, but she did like to dance when she was younger.

Her granddaughter, Lisa Burgin, and great-granddaughters Amanda Martinez and Cloe' Burgin live in Big Sandy, Texas. She has four sisters and one brother who live in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Brunk has lived at Care Inn of Gladewater, Texas for the past eight years, and still walks down the halls without a walker or wheel chair.

## Births

**Macye Christian Davis**

Michele Walker and Billy Davis of Ada, Okla., announce the birth of their daughter, **Macye Christian Davis**.

Macye was born at 8:26 p.m., June 26, 2004 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 20 inches.

She is the granddaughter of Ramona and Virgil Walker of Allen, Okla., and Esther and Clay Steen of Oklahoma City. She is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Walker of Ada.

Macye is the niece of Melissa Walker and the cousin of Sunzie and Taylor Harrison, all of Allen.

**Matthew David Martin,**

**Matthew David Martin, Jr.**, was born July 13, 2004 at Integris Southwest Medical Center, Oklahoma City. He weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and measured 19 inches.

Proud parents are Matt Martin and Millie Pratt. He has one sister, Kelsey, 4.

He is the grandson of Mike and Betty Martin and Jewell Shawnee and Steve Pratt. He is the great-grandson of the late Tommy and Lizzie Frazier.

He is the nephew of Lisa Martin, Kayla Martin, Kristie Ables, Heather Pratt, Kyle Martin, Dwayne Pratt and James.

**Morgan Jean Rieves**

**Morgan Jean Rieves** was born Sept. 3, 2004 at Norman, Okla.

She weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs., and measured 20 inches.

She is the daughter of Zach and Tracy Rieves, Norman.

She is the granddaughter of William and Valdene Willis of Norman. She is the great-granddaughter of Wanda Alexander of Ada, Okla., the late Jim Alexander and Eugene and Gloria Willis of Pittsburgh, Okla.

**Taylor Austin Franks**

**Taylor Austin Franks** was born 4:27 p.m., July 2, 2004. He was born at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

He weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and measured 20.1 inches.

He is the son of Shawna Reed, Ada Okla., and Ronald Franks, Holdenville, Okla.

He is the first grandchild of Michael and Brenda Reed, Fittstown, Okla., and the 10th grandchild of Charlie Franks, Holdenville and Susanna Barnett, Okmulgee.

He is the nephew of five proud uncles and two proud aunts and the little brother of three older sisters.

## *PV Council elects officers*

The new officers for the Pauls Valley Chickasaw Council are: president, Donel Somers; treasurer, Bob Nichols; secretary, Lesana Carter; refreshment chair, Carol Reed; and program chair, Pauline Rodke.

The November 2, 2004 meeting was about the opportunities of the Health Departments in Purcell, Ada, and Ardmore.

On December 7, the Pauls Valley Chickasaws plan on attending the potluck Holiday Dinner and program in Purcell.

The January 4 meeting will be at the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce at 7 p.m. Watch your local Garvin Co. papers for the program.

For more information, contact Don Somers, 405-665-2828, or Pauline Rodke, 405-484-7219.

For information about the new Pauls Valley Senior Citizens Nutrition Site, you can also call Pauline.



## Martin, Ables exchange vows



### Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Ables

Krisite Lynn Martin and Tyler Ray Ables of El Reno, Okla., exchanged marriage vows Aug. 14, 2004 in the Kiamichi Mountains, Antlers, Okla., with Rev. Jim Wilkins officiating.

The bride is the daughter of

Mike and Betty Martin of El Reno. The groom is the son of Ritchie and Sheryl Williams of El Reno and Wayla and Terry Ables of Antlers.

The bride wore a white strapless gown and a pearl necklace.

Maid of honor was Lisa Martin of Oklahoma City and bridesmaid was Kayla Martin of El Reno, both sisters of the bride.

Serving as best man was Billy Felton.

Flower girl was Misti Williams of El Reno, stepsister of the groom, and ring bearer was Creed Felton of El Reno.

A reception was hosted at the home of Terry Ables. After a honeymoon to Cancun, the couple is making their home in Edmond, Okla.

The groom is employed with Gemini. The bride is employed at Heritage Press and will attend the University of Central Oklahoma next fall.

## Tribal rep to be in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha, Okla., Nov. 15 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs visit Bettie Black at the

Chickasha Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, Monday, Nov. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

## Chickasaw flag



Latta (OK) Elementary JOM students pose with the Chickasaw Flag they made for the JOM conference in Tulsa, Okla.

Front row from left, Kendra Smith, Dustin West, Maria Priest and Matison Worcester. Back row from left, Shania Humphrey, Decota Imotichey, Jami Rosser, Madison Abney, Shelby Parnacher, Nigel Stick and Kele Parnacher.

## Treat named Vocational Rehab Employee of the Year



Shannon Treat

Shannon Treat, a Chickasaw, was recently named Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Employee of the year.

Ms. Treat received the award during the annual Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation conference in Gore, Okla.

Her peers in the eight tribal vocational rehabilitation programs in Oklahoma chose Treat for her outstanding work as a VR counselor.

Her coworkers at the Chickasaw Nation VR program, where Ms. Treat has worked since 1998, say that Shannon does a wonderful job as a VR counselor and offer their congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment.

Shannon's family includes husband James Treat, daughters Nikki and Jessie Miller and son Kyle Treat.

## Friend assigned to maintenance squadron

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Michael C. Friend has recently been assigned Maintenance Instructor, Maintenance Training Flight, 28th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Senior Airman Friend joined the U.S. Air Force in 2001. He

has previously served as an Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief for a B-1B bomber. He has previously been deployed to Southeast Asia and British Indian Ocean Territory in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraq Freedom.

He is a 2001 graduate of White Deer (TX) High School and is currently enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force. He has been awarded numerous decorations including the Air Force Achievement Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Force Outstanding Unit

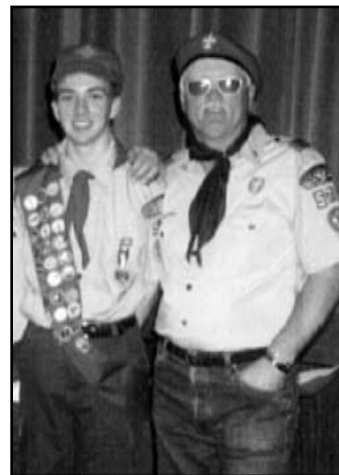


Michael C. Friend

Award with Valor Device.

Senior Airman Friend is a descendant of original enrollee Jewell Worsham.

## Bailey earns Eagle Scout



### Trevor and Paul Bailey

Paul and Cecilia Bailey are proud to announce their son, Trevor W. Bailey, was awarded the highest Boy Scouts of America honor, Eagle Scout, with the Georgia-Carolina Boy Scouts of America Chickasaw District, Troop 578, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Augusta, Georgia.

Only four percent of all Scouts in the world today have earned the Eagle rank.

Trevor is proud of his Chickasaw heritage. His maternal great-great-grandmother, Ellen Jane Sheco, was a Chickasaw original enrollee.

## Flags fly over Iraq



The flags of the Five Civilized Tribes and the Oklahoma flag fly outside one of the headquarters building at Camp Taqaddum in Iraq. The photo was taken by SFC Mike Dunson who has been stationed in Iraq since February 2003 on a one-year tour.

Attended Bloomfield Academy

## Original enrollee to celebrate 100th Dec. 2 in Durant



**Edna Hayward Goodin**

DURANT, Okla. - Edna Mae Hayward Goodin, an original enrollee, will celebrate her 100th birthday, Thursday, December 2, 2004.

The celebration will be hosted at her residence, Alterra Sterling House, 1500 N. 19th, Durant, Okla. This will be an open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Goodin's family invites you to come and share this very special event in her life. Her gift from you will be your presence. A card or memory shared will make her day extra special.

## Chickasaw girl competes at Youth Quest contest



**Sasha Keck**

Sterling House has been her residence for nearly six years. Her health is very good, but she is legally blind and chose to live in this assisted facility.

Mrs. Goodin is an original Chickasaw enrollee, from her mother's side of family. She was born December 2, 1904, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). Later the area became Pittsburg County. Her great-grandmother, Mourning Star Gooding, traveled the "Trail of Tears" in the 1800s.

While she was young her family moved to Wilson, Okla. Her father, James Hayward, worked in the oilfield and her mother, Mona (Godfrey) was a practical nurse.

She and her four sisters, Mildred Jorg and Lou Rena Vance, both deceased; Lahoma Rice, Kerrville, Texas, and Olline McDonald, Pataskala, Ohio, attended the Chickasaw girls seminary in Ardmore, known as Bloomfield and now Carter Seminary.

She began her education at Bloomfield in 1916. Here stu-

Sasha Keck, daughter of Stormy Busby and Jason Keck, recently competed in Youth Quest, a national Teen Talent contest at Daytona Beach, Florida.

She was in the bell choir for the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Sulphur, Okla., and her group won second place. Sasha and her parents would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for helping sponsor her trip and for the many opportunities they give children to participate in differ-

ents received their formal education. It was like a finishing school, where you learned how to work, behave and become a real lady. This school went to the eighth grade.

At the school they had Shakespearean theater, plays, music, dance and were also taught everyday living. When they went shopping in Ardmore they traveled by streetcar. They would have holidays and picnics at Whittington Park. Lots of cherished friends and memories from those years at Bloomfield.

In World War I when the flu epidemic took so many lives, the school asked her mother to come and help nurse the girls back to health. After that whenever needed she packed her medical bag and helped out. After graduation she went back to Wilson High School, but did not graduate.

She met and married C.A. (Buddy) Goodin in 1927. They were married 64 years before his death in October 1991. He started to work, in the gang, for Oklahoma Pipe Line Co., later Interstate then Exxon. He had several different titles through the years, but retired after 39 years as district superintendent for this company.

They had one son, Norman. He and his wife, Cheryl (Por-

terfield) both graduated from Wilson High School in 1952 and married August 9, 1953. They now live at Lebanon, Okla. They are retired and stay busy in prison and other mission endeavors.

Mrs. Goodin enjoys being with her three grandchildren, Sheri Ortega and husband, Joe Houston, Texas; Lane, Durant and Miles and wife Peggy, Eden, Utah.

Her great-grandchildren call her G.G. They are Niki Lane Gooding, Oklahoma City; Cody Lane Gooding, Durant; and Danielle and Andrea Ortega, Houston.

Mrs. Goodin has always been active in her Methodist Church. She joined the Eastern Star when she was 18 years old and continues to keep her dues paid. When living at Wilson she was Mother Advisor for the Rainbow Girls and enjoyed working with the girls.

She has always been a homemaker and liked to raise chickens, do sewing, handwork, canning and all the things to make a home.

She and Mr. Goodin both liked to fish. It was their delight to take family and friends on the boat or barge fishing. They always had a big garden to share with others and their home was



**Edna Hayward**

a meeting place for family and friends.

Mrs. Goodin still does knitting and has given many pieces to charities, senior citizen centers and churches through the years. Now she knits afghans for the great-grandchildren.

Lots of changes have occurred in her 100 years, from horse and buggy, Model A's and now modern transportation. She gets around very well with her walker. She does enjoy listening to the news on TV and talk shows on radio. She is interested in politics and keeps up with the world affairs through these media.

Thank you for sharing in her life and may God give her continued health.

## Rep. Lisa Billy notes sovereignty history

**State House, District 42-Partial Garvin, partial Grady, partial McClain and partial Cleveland**

**R - Lisa Billy, 37, Purcell Chickasaw Nation questionaire**

**1. How would you define tribal sovereignty?**

Tribal sovereignty is a constitutional right of federally recognized tribal governments. It is in essence, the right of any tribe to empower its own citizens.

**2. Please describe its impact on Oklahoma?**

The original infrastructure of this very state was developed by Native peoples. The success of Oklahoma goes hand-in-hand with the success of tribal governments. Oklahoma needs tribal businesses to continue bringing needed jobs to the people of Oklahoma. Tribes also

help build roads, bridges and generously give to area schools. Tribes, such as the Chickasaw Nation, also provide financial support to help build youth programs, like the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, cultural programs which educate and empower children and families.

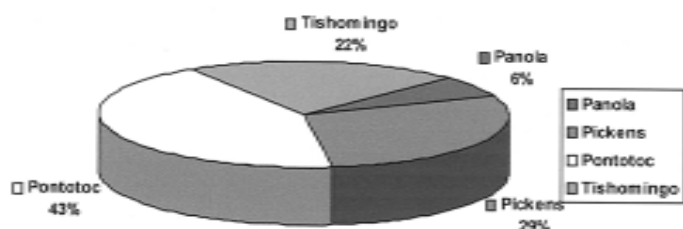
Tribes also provided health care and nutrition programs across the state.

I look forward to building strong relationships with Oklahoma tribes, as I am a proud member of the Chickasaw tribe.

## Count of Voters by District

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| Panola  | 1,240 | Pontotoc   | 8,203 |
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**Voters Chart by Districts**



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# Thompson named 'Native American Leader of the Year 2004'



**Tommy and Joan Thompson**

Tommy Thompson, executive director of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, was recently honored as "Native American Leader of the Year 2004" by the Oklahoma Native American Business Development Center.

Mr. Thompson was appointed the Executive Director of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority in March 1997. Prior to becoming its Executive Director, Mr. Thompson served as the Tribal

Liaison for one and a half years with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce in assisting the 39 Tribal Governments with Economic Development. Mr. Thompson has more than 25 years in Banking experience, serving as Vice President in the Real Estate Division and serving as the manager for the Residential Mortgage Banking Division with the Liberty National Bank of Oklahoma City; served as Vice President of American First Title and Trust Company of

Oklahoma City as Manager for State Title Insurance Operations, served as Vice President with the First National Bank of Oklahoma City as Manager of the Personal Lending Group; served as Senior Vice President with Leadership Bank NA in Oklahoma City, heading up all the lending and operational groups for the Bank; and served as Vice President and Regional Branch Manager for the Glendale and Tarzana, California Branches for American International Bank of Los Angeles, CA. Thompson is a former member of the Oklahoma City Downtown Kiwanis Club; the Downtown Glendale, CA Rotary Club; the Young Men's Dinner Club of Oklahoma

City; the Men's Dinner Club of Oklahoma City; the Oklahoma City and Glendale Chambers of Commerce; the Oklahoma City Homebuilder's Association; the Oklahoma City Board of Realtors Association; the National and Oklahoma Mortgage Bankers Associations; the American and Oklahoma Land Title Associations; and the California and American Bankers Association. He currently is a member of the Native American Chamber of Commerce and serves as an ex-officio member of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. Mr. Thompson's educational background includes a BS degree in Economics and Management and an MBA in Marketing from

Oklahoma City University. In addition, Mr. Thompson has attended the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, and California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA, completing a 3-year MBA program and being certified as a Mortgage Banker. He is a member of the Chickasaw Nation and is a retired member of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve with the rank of Lt. Col. Mr. Thompson resides in Oklahoma City with his wife, Joan.

Joan, a teacher of 27 years, is an Education Specialist for the Oklahoma Historical Society.

## Chickasaw in Trail of Tears Ride



**Larry Eddy with his daughters, Monica, 11, and Briann, 7.**

A Chickasaw man from Alabama recently joined a group of motorcyclists commemorating the Trail of Tears.

Larry Eddy displayed the Chickasaw seal and flag while riding with the group during the Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride. The Ride has become a very large event, with nearly 90,000 riders participating.

The riders began the September 18 Ride in Chattanooga, Tenn., traveled the 125 miles to Madison, Ala., then continued

the rest of the 100 miles to Waterloo, Ala.

"I am a Native American and a Chickasaw and I was very proud to represent my tribe in this special event," Eddy said.

Eddy thanked Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel for providing two Chickasaw seals to be displayed during the Ride.

Eddy is the son of Ina Wisdom, and the grandson of Noah and Lillie Wisdom. He has two brothers living in Oklahoma, Noah and Corey Eddy.

## Hill completes Marine training



**Pfc. Cody Hill**

Cody W. Hill, a Chickasaw from Ada, Okla., recently graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps Infantry Anti-Tank Guided Missileman Course at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Hill is a member of Echo Company 125th Weapons Battalion, USMCR unit of Broken Arrow, Okla.

Hill was promoted to Private First Class on September 1. He completed Marine basic training June 18 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Pfc. Hill is the son of Carlyle Hill, of Ada, and the grandson of Estelle Hill, of Ada. Mrs. Hill is the great-granddaughter of Chickasaw Gov. Cyrus Harris.

## Chickasaw business featured



**Biff Noble**

A Chickasaw-owned and operated business was recently featured in *the Tulsa World*.

Elite Printer Services, Inc., of Tulsa sells and services new and preowned printers and fax machines, new and generic printer cartridges and inkjets. Elite is owned, in part, by Biff Noble, a Chickasaw.

Noble went into business

with two colleagues following a career in printer sales. Following corporate downsizings and other challenges, Noble, laser printer technician Bryan Hollie and office manager Tara Schwegler decided to strike out on their own.

Elite is now two years old and has moved up from Noble's house to a nice downtown office. Elite emphasizes exceptional service.

"Everybody's got a printer," Noble said. "And almost no one can beat us on price."

Elite, according to *the World*, is pulling in eight to 12 new customers per month. Growth is good, and the company plans to stay around for the long haul.

"We think we are one of only two Indian-owned companies in this industry," Noble said.

# Indian Museum result of repatriation negotiations

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As with many other significant achievements involving the federal government and Indian nations, the September 22 opening of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. was the result of decades of planning and negotiation.

Part of those negotiations led to the passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

A coalition of Native Americans meeting at Bear Butte South Dakota in the late 1960s

were working on finding a way to protect sites sacred to Native Americans. They also discussed the fact that many museums still held remains of Native Americans, and that far too many of those remains were on display.

Those discussions evolved into finding ways of raising public awareness of native culture through laws, schools, museums and other means.

Almost two decades later, in 1987, Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) introduced legislation to create the NMAI as one

of the Smithsonian Institution museums.

During negotiations to secure the site next to the National Air and Space Museum on the Capitol Mall, documents came to light revealing that the Smithsonian Institution was in possession of more than 18,000 Native American remains and more approximately 4,500 Indian skulls.

While the Smithsonian was at first reluctant to return these remains, when further study revealed many of those skulls

were turned over to the institution after they had been collected on orders from the U.S. Army Surgeons General in the 1860s and 1870s.

At that time soldiers collected skulls of Native American from battle casualties and Indian graves for phrenology studies.

Phrenology was the pseudoscience based on the idea that the study of skulls could provide insight on basic differences between the races. These inevitably biased studies were used to back, or more accurately to create "scientific racism," the claim that Anglo-Saxons were a superior race.

This physical legacy was an

embarrassment to the Smithsonian and led to the National Museum of the American Indian Act, which requires museum staff to collaborate with Native Americans to provide for repatriation of remains and proper treatment of sacred objects.

Passed in 1990, this legislation served as a precursor to NAGPRA, which requires museums receiving federal funds to inventory Native remains and other cultural objects and collaborate with Native American tribes with an interest in repatriating those remains or objects.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Council of Elders make trip to celebrate Museum of the American Indian dedication

By ROBERT PERRY

Seven members were chosen to represent Council of Elders (COE) on a bus trip to Washington DC for the September 21 dedication ceremony of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Members attending: Pauline Brown, Winnie McNeely, Jessie Sandefur, Marie Beck, Catherine Wood, Bob Perry and Shirley Duncan.

At 10 a.m. on that day at least 20,000 Indians from across the Western Hemisphere paraded down the Mall in procession, dividing into two forces and then headed east toward the stage set up for the opening ceremony. Some estimates were as high as 100,000 people. I saw many late-comers in regalia, rushing to parade with their group and no security person blocked their path. It was strange that with a world bedeviled with terrorists and security, on this day a bystander could touch real Indian people in the parade. With frequent stops to keep intervals between groups, those walking in the parade often asked Indian spectators to "Take my picture." I took the picture of a Shin-nicock woman in a motorized wheel chair wearing a big smile. It had taken great effort for her to participate, but she was here, proud to be in this parade. One man carried a live bald eagle in the parade. When the Hawaiian Natives reached my observation place, the group stopped and one man blew his conch shell trumpet. Later, I learned there

were four times that the parade stopped for such a religious ceremony. It was striking that the Indian tribes could publicly demonstrate a small piece of their religion, because a hundred years ago, most Indian religious ceremonies were discouraged.

The actual dedication ceremony was going on from 12-1p.m. behind a fenced area with access by ticket only. We had none of the privileged tickets. Our group was so far from the giant TV monitor, most of the speaker's words weren't heard. However, when the last speaker went silent, all of the food booths were opened to begin selling. At 1 p.m. or so, it was like throwing worms into a trout stream. Even this, is a true Indian experience and will be long remembered. The location of the Indian Celebration on the mile-long Mall was convenient within the entire city and collectively, there were thousands of photos shot that day. It seemed that all events or food booths were a long walk back and forth; to the Unconquered Chickasaw, all that is in a day's work.

Perhaps the most challenging and exciting part of the entire trip was to maneuver a busload of Oklahoma Indians to the Mall. It didn't seem worthwhile to try to drive the big Chickasaw bus from the hotel through heavy traffic to a place with restricted entry. As a group of forty seniors, we marched four blocks to the Foggy Bottom Metro Station and bought \$3 round-trip tickets for everyone. The exercise was

to ride the subway through six stops to be within two blocks of NMAI. The challenge was to negotiate rush hour traffic in the underground subway. Then, the group had to split up to squeeze on the crowded trains. Everyone had been warned that when the train stopped, the doors stayed open only twenty seconds, so hurry off. The target getting-off-place was spelled L'Enfant but pronounced Lah-font. I didn't realize until I read the sign and spoke it my head that this was the getting-off-place and thank goodness I could count to six.

It was so crowded on the Mall that the Chickasaw group was given free rein to roam and take the subway or a taxi back to the hotel...and be ready to go again at midnight. Tickets to enter the new National Museum were timed entry. With such a crowd, the Museum wasn't big enough for thousands of visitors during normal hours of operation. The doors were reopened at midnight until 7 AM. Everyone went, but got their fill of the museum after two hours. The museum was a little bare it seemed. It was said that 90% of the Indian collections are housed at the Suitland Museum; the dedication ceremony had to happen before more of the collections are moved to NMAI. Our group had spent the day walking the mall with the promise of leaving the next day to Jamestown Colony.

It was impressive to see how  
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## Births



**Dillon Emery Edwards**

Dillon Emery Edwards was born September 8, 2004 at St. Luke's Community Hospital, Woodlands, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 ozs., and measured 20 3/4 inches.

He is the son of Heather and Leo Edwards, Montgomery, Texas. He joins brother Tyler Leon.

Dillon is the grandson of Glays and Louis Daniel, Lula, Okla, Jerry Norman, Stonewall, Okla., and Betty and Leon Edwards, Tussy, Okla.

His Chickasaw and Choctaw heritage include his late great-grandparents, Mary Elizabeth Tussy Edwards, Ada Mae Lewis, Tennessee Frazier Nelson and Frank Nelson, and the late great-great-grandparents, Lilla Colbert Tussy, Minnie Stick Melville, Ida Noah, Hudson Frazier, and Carrie Alexander Frazier.



**Kennedy Grace Edwards**

Kennedy Grace Edwards was born Sept. 29, 2004 at Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 ozs., and measured 20 1/4 inches.

She is the daughter of Leah and John Edwards, Lindsay, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Carla and Alan White, Boswell, Okla., and Betty and Leon Edwards, Tussy, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Zoe Lee, Boswell, Okla., and Grace Settles, Valliant, Okla.

She is a descendant of Chickasaw original enrollee Mary Elizabeth Tussy Edwards and Lilla Colbert Tussy.



# The Wise Old Owl who led the boys through the forest

*The Chickasaw Council of Elders in past months have taken stories, edited and placed them in the Journal of Chickasaw History & Culture to be published. In the olden days, traditional Indians might have been afraid of an owl as an omen of bad things yet to come. In our story, this owl was a protector of young children.*

**Original Story by Catherine Wood,**

**Edited by Robert Perry**

Once upon a time, there was an Indian Grandmother who lived deep in the woods. Two young grandsons stayed with her while their father was gone to hunt buffalo. They liked to stay with grandmother because at night, she told stories of the olden days. In the daytime, there was no one else to play. Sometimes the little boys would get into mischief or start fights in the house. When grandmother told them not to do these things, the scolded one would blame his brother. Sometimes they would wander far away to play, which frightened her. Big hungry animals can eat foolish little boys. When she asked them to stay close to home, nothing changed in their actions, they wandered. It was sad, but they were not listening to the wise Grandmother.

One day the two boys played

in the woods. It was a place farther over the hill with more butterflies and bugs. They heard a strange noise, sort of an eerie call. Then a big yellow and black butterfly flew by and distracted them. Just as grandmother's warnings were forgotten, unexplained noises could be dismissed as silly, too. After ten thousand butterflies had been chased, the boys noticed how dark it was; and the sun was beginning to set. The older boy began remembering that grandmother might worry, so they started home.



Going in a straight path was harder work than chasing butterflies. The boys were getting tired and lay down to rest a little bit. When the younger

boy awoke, darkness had come. He heard the strange noise from earlier in the day and it kept getting louder. He shook his big brother who heard the noise. Both were frightened. The older boy remembered that Grandmother told them to stay close to the house. They were far, far away, and no one could hear their shouts for help.

It was not easy to walk through the woods in the darkness. They tried to find their path, the one made by chasing butterflies, and it led them through briar patches and swamps. The youngest brother began to cry. He was so afraid and big brother couldn't say anything to make him feel better. There was an owl up in the big tree. Even in the darkness, there was enough light to see just his eyes watching them. His eyes swept back and forth. He said Who! Who! Those terrible eyes scared the little boys. They had no bow or arrows or even a handful of rocks. All they could do was hug each other for protection. Grandmother was so far away and Death seemed so near.

It seemed strange, but the owl seemed to talk to them without words and they felt calm as it watched them. He fluttered his wings, then silently swooshed to the next tree, Whowho! Who! Why...that the owl wanted them to follow. The owl flew to the

next tree and called out Who! Who!

Following the owl was like following the butterflies, except the owl led them through the darkness in a safe path around briar patches. The little boys soon found the big fire that grandmother had built in the front yard to guide them home.

Oh, she was so happy to see them. Grandma hugged the little boys so hard, they gasped for breathe. They weren't hurt at all, and they were home safe. Now safe again, they could promise to always do what she told them. Grandmother was so pleased how her boys learned a wise

way, even if it was a hard way. She made them something good to eat and put them to bed. As they lay in bed, they listened to the owl hooting in the distance. Owl was their friend and had showed them the way home through the darkness.

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far the tribes have come to finally get this crown-jewel, the NMAI, a real building and more than a symbol. To be present at the dedication ceremony to witness all of this was truly awesome and COE is well positioned within the Chickasaw Tribe to help make bigger dreams come true. Every member of COE wanted to thank Legislator Wanda Scott and Governor Anoatubby for the invitation to represent the Chickasaw Nation.

After COE met again October 21st, these were some of the comments:

· The NMAI tells stories of the past and the present.

· The procession was very colorful, especially the tribes from South America.

· I walked on the ground at Arlington Cemetery. It felt holy and I knew the spirits were there.

· I enjoyed the dancers. The Aztecs were best. Our Chickasaws danced before everyone. Nonetheless, for all the dancers, this was an once-in-a-lifetime thing.

· The entertainers were great. Jo Ann Shenandoah and Buffy St. Marie were good singers.

· I enjoyed watching the best Native Storytellers perform. They all used Indian humor, fully appreciated by the audience. This was the first day for stories and all storytellers were rusty with more performances to come.

· The subway trip was the highlight.

· Senior Deloyd Hicks was met by a distant relative who served as a security guard in the Washington DC area. He had never wanted a CDIB card. The young man met the Chickasaw group at the NMAI museum during opening after midnight. After his meeting many real Indians and being hugged by Pauline Walker, the young man got the message. He said that he couldn't be fast enough to get his CDIB card and be recognized as one of the Chickasaws.

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## Indian women host powwow

ADA, Okla. - The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women will host an Honor Powwow "A Tribute to Our Women In Leadership" in Ada.

The Powwow is scheduled for Nov. 20, 2004 at the Kerr Center on the campus of East Central University in Ada. The schedule includes the 2 p.m. Gourd Dance; 5 p.m. Supper; 6 p.m. Gourd Dance; and 7 p.m. Grand Entry and evening program.

Arts and Crafts space is available. For more information, call Sue Robertson at (918) 523-4221, or Couita Wilson at (580) 310-6179.



# Pauls Valley senior site celebrated with ribbon cutting

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. — Chickasaw Nation officials, city leaders and other guests cut the ribbon on the Pauls Valley Senior Citizen Nutrition site October 29.

The center is located at 107 N. Indian Meridian.

"The newest senior site is part of our continuing efforts to improve the overall quality of life of our elders," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "We hope the Pauls Valley site, along with other Chickasaw Nation senior sites, will continue to assist our elders and lift up their spirits for years to come."

Amenities for the 4,988-square-foot facility include a dining area, kitchen, storage area, offices, exercise area and a section devoted to arts and crafts.

"We expect to serve between 40 to 50 people a day," said Karen Cook, tribal administrator for the Division on Aging.

In addition to meals, the tribal

aging and senior services program offers arts and crafts, fundraisers, trips and education on various programs available to seniors.

"One of the most important benefits of the site is having a place for seniors to go, to meet and to visit," Cook said.

The Pauls Valley Senior Citizen Nutrition site is the latest addition in programs and services dedicated to serving Chickasaw and other Native American seniors. With sites in Achille, Ada, Ardmore, Connerville, Kullihoma, Madill, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo, the Division on Aging is one of the fastest growing tribal programs.

The site is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch will be served weekdays at noon.

For more information on the Pauls Valley Senior Site, contact Paula Woods, site manager, at (405) 207-9034.

*Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, tribal legislators, and guests cut the ribbon on the Purcell Senior Citizens Nutrition Site Friday, Oct. 29.

## Letter to Editor:



**Shelly Harris**

This is a note of appreciation to the Chickasaw Nation for the support I was given during my

LVN schooling at South Plains College in Plainview, Texas.

After applying and receiving a \$2,500 scholarship from the Chickasaw Nation I was able to concentrate on my studies without the stress of working.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated in starting this new career in life.

Thanks again and may God bless each of you.

Respectfully yours,  
Shelly Harris  
Abernathy, Texas

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## Facility to celebrate Chickasaw history

# Ground broken for Chickasaw Cultural Center



**Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators and representatives of the city of Sulphur and National Park Service recently broke ground for the Chickasaw Cultural Center.**

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal legislators and representatives of the City of Sulphur and National Park Service in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Chickasaw Cultural Center 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 west of Sulphur, Okla.

Located on 110 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and streams adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur, the center is designed to utilize the latest technology, ancient artifacts and natural outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw story.

"For Chickasaws, this will be a place that reminds us of who we are - of the culture and heritage that binds us together as a people," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "This world-class center will not only help preserve Chickasaw culture and heritage for future generations, but will also serve as an educational facility where we can share with others the true and complete story of the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation."

Once complete, the center will feature more than 127,000 square feet of indoor space and outdoor venues including an earthen terrace amphitheater. The concept also includes utilizing outdoor spaces featuring rich native vegetation, indigenous stone and trails which heighten

attention to a spring-fed pond and Rock Creek.

Outdoor areas will include demonstration gardens and a demonstration village featuring a number of traditional Chickasaw houses similar to those at Kullihoma. Areas will also be set aside for stomp dance and other traditional ceremonies.

Indoors, an interconnected series of theatres, exhibits and galleries are designed to immerse visitors in tribal history and culture.

Also planned are a resource center with archives and library as well as a multifunctional gathering space and retail area.

Overton James, appointed by John F. Kennedy as governor of the Chickasaw Nation in 1963 and elected governor in the first federally recognized tribal election since 1904, was more than pleased with plans for the center.

"(This center) is something that is far beyond what I ever thought we could have," said Gov. James. "But it is something that will perpetuate the history, the culture, the life of the Chickasaw people for years to come. It's a great thing."

Groundbreaking ceremonies come just two days after the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation authorizing a land exchange among the tribe, the City of Sulphur and the National Park Service enabling the tribe to construct the center adjacent

to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Oklahoma Fourth District Representative Tom Cole, a Chickasaw citizen from Moore, drafted the legislation.

"I am very pleased that we have completed the process, on the House side, to get this bill to the President this year. I will be working with my colleagues in the Senate to make sure this bill passes before the end of this session," said Rep. Cole. "The City of Sulphur and the Chickasaws are ready to move forward and I hope we will be able to give them that opportunity."

During a previous visit to the site, Rep. Cole said the center will have a positive impact on the state economy.

"It's clearly a tremendous economic boon for the local community and for the Chickasaw Nation," said Rep. Cole. "It's an excellent example of the partnerships that can develop between tribal governments and their neighbors and it works to the advantage of all concerned."

"I think it will enhance the quality of life locally and be a good stimulus to the local economy and attract a lot of folks to the area. So it will build on what is already a great recreational and tourist facility for the state of Oklahoma."

Chickasaw National Recreation Area Superintendent Connie Dunn said she "couldn't be more happy with the location of

the center on the park boundary."

"The fact that we've been able to finally donate our 29 acres to that village is really wonderful," said Ms. Dunn. "The Chickasaw people need to tell their story. And we'll be partners, but secondary partners in the process. I really do see this as a cutting-edge cultural center and I think tribes across this country are going to come here to find out how to do it right."

Chickasaw citizens, responding to requests for input from the tribal administration, expressed a desire to restore and preserve Chickasaw culture and heritage for future generations.

More than 1,200 tribal citizens responded to a survey distributed in October 2000 asking for comments and suggestions on a Chickasaw Culture Center. Language, beliefs, ceremonies and customs were at the top of the list on those surveys, with tribal history following closely.

Art and music, food and medicine, prominent Chickasaw men and women and a living village with traditional dwellings were also mentioned by survey respondents. Chickasaw citizens participating in subsequent planning meetings arranged to re-

ceive more ideas on what aspects of Chickasaw culture to include at the center.

All the ideas Chickasaw elders, citizens and employees discussed at those meetings were taken into consideration when developing the design.

A team of experts, led by Overland Partners and including EDAW, Batwin + Robin and Hilferty & Associates and Ramona Sakiestewa, Ltd. worked with Chickasaw citizens to design the center.

Credits of team members include work on more than 100 projects, including the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. and the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Okla.

H.C. Beck, Ltd. has been selected as the general contractor for construction. Beck, headquartered in Dallas, is one of the nation's top construction firms. Recent customers include Disney, IBM, AT&T and JC Penney.

Fred Schmidt, architect with Franfort, Short and Bruza Associates, is the review architect for the project.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Chickasaw land ties span 160 years

After removal to Indian Territory in the late 1830s, leaders of the Chickasaw Nation sought culturally significant areas where they could continue tribal ceremonies and rituals.

Leaders quickly identified springs in the area now known as the Chickasaw National Recreation Area as an area that would be ideal for such ceremonies. This area was held in reverence and treated with great respect.

As the years passed, and particularly after the City of Sulphur was founded in 1895, settlement in the area began to pollute the springs.

Leaders of the Chickasaw Nation saw that the pending dissolution of tribal government and the resulting loss of authority over the area could lead to further damage and possible commercialization of the area.

That led tribal leaders to amend the Treaty of Atoka of

1867 and cede 640 acres to the federal government for \$20 per acre, with the understanding the U.S. government would permanently preserve and protect the property.

Initially called Sulphur Springs Reservation, 218 acres were added in 1904 and the area was opened to the public.

In 1906, the name was changed to Platt National Park in honor of Senator Orville H. Platt of Connecticut.

Arbuckle Recreation Area was assigned to the National Park Service in 1968 and the two were combined to form the Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area in 1976.

Since that time, Veterans Lake and the surrounding 300 acres which connect the Platt and Arbuckle districts of the CNRA were donated to the National Park Service by the City of Sulphur.

# Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Force established

After recent oath of office ceremonies for the chief of police and six officers, the newly-created Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department (LPD) assumed authority and law enforcement functions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs October 1.

The LPD will be responsible for criminal investigations on Indian land within the Chickasaw Nation's 13-county area.

Police Chief Jason O'Neal, who was a Supervisory Police Officer with the BIA, has 10 years full time experience in federal law enforcement.

"Utilizing a proactive approach to law enforcement I envision the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department becoming the most successful,

professional and respected law enforcement agency in the state of Oklahoma and Indian country nationwide," said O'Neal.

Current plans are to have the main police station and dispatch services in Ada. Satellite offices may also be added in other areas of the state, and up to six additional officers may be hired over the course of a year.

With thousands of tribal citizens, dozens of tribal offices and more than two dozen businesses in 13 counties, the formation of a police force is a natural next step for the tribe, according to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"Forming a police force is part of our natural progression toward self-governance," said



**Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal tries the radio on the newly painted police car.**

Governor Anoatubby. "Law enforcement is one of the more basic functions of government and we want to cooperate with federal, state and local governments in order to provide the most efficient and effective law enforcement services to all citizens in the Chickasaw Nation."

Jurisdictional issues are also involved in the tribe's decision to assemble their own force.

Much of the land owned by the Chickasaw Nation is held in trust by the federal government, effectively making it federal property, which can create complex jurisdictional issues for

state and local law enforcement personnel.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Police officers have primary jurisdiction on tribal trust land.

Similarly, Chickasaw Nation officers will have primary jurisdiction on tribal trust land. They will also operate under cross-deputization agreements, effectively making additional officers available throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Although some tribal officers may work a beat at tribal gaming facilities and other businesses, they will not replace security guards at those facilities.

Applicants chosen will be required to attend 16 weeks of training at the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico.

Some credit toward that training requirement may be given for prior completion of CLEET training and on the job experience. All officers, however, will be required to complete training on the jurisdictional issues involved in the job.

To contact the Chickasaw LPD call (580) 436-1166 or (580) 436-7267.

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## Cultural Center



**An artist's conception of the Chickasaw Cultural Center.**

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advocate and active participant in preserving Chickasaw language and heritage.

"I thank each and every one of you," said Mrs. Holman. "I'm glad I had the privilege of learning how to speak Chickasaw from my father. My mother was dead and that's all we talked was in Chickasaw."

Despite the fact that she was often punished for speaking her native language as a young girl, she was undeterred, and has spent much of her life passing on her language and culture to younger generations.

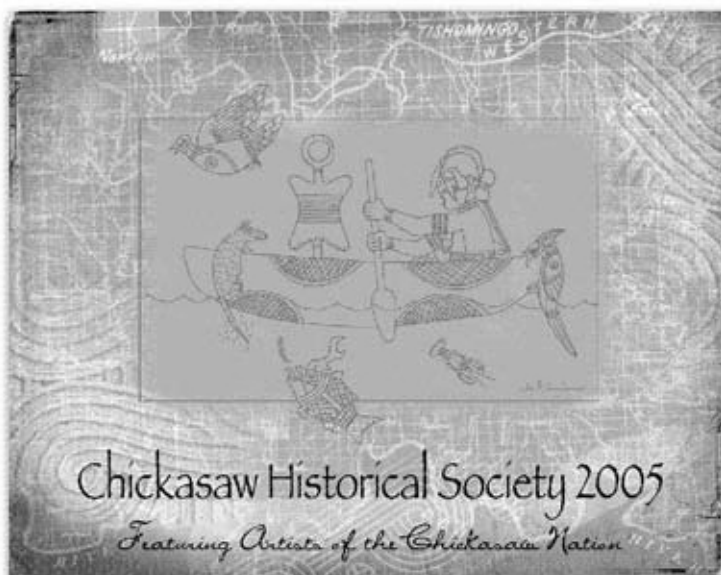
"When I went to school at Kullihoma the teacher would hit me over the head with a ruler and tell us 'don't you say those words. Don't speak that way. You'll have to wait till you

get home,'" said Mrs. Holman. "But many times it was just a bunch of Chickasaw kids, and we would go outside and we would sure rattle it off then. I had a wonderful time talking Chickasaw."

She raised her own children with the Chickasaw language and culture in her home.

Mrs. Holman was also a member of the first language committee, assisted in compiling the Chickasaw Analytical Dictionary and several tapes and CDs of hymns featuring the Chickasaw language. She is still often called upon to share her knowledge of Chickasaw culture, including pashofa ceremonies, stickball, beliefs, taboos and the history

## 2005 Chickasaw Artist Calendar



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# The Colberts and Chickasaw Leadership, Part I

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

James Colbert was one of many English adventurers who came into Chickasaw country in the 18th century. But unlike virtually all of them, he had a substantial impact on the tribe while he lived and through his Chickasaw sons after he died. He arrived sometime after 1736. If he was born in 1721, either in Scotland or South Carolina, he would have been a teenager at the time. Fellow English trader and author James Adair knew Colbert and wrote that he had lived among the Chickasaw since childhood and spoke their language at least as well as he spoke English. James Colbert eventually married three Chickasaw women and had children with each of them.

At this time, the Chickasaw were living in villages led by great full-blood warriors because the tribe was continually at war. Many other chiefs are named in the records, but little is known about them because the colonial officials usually only mention the Chickasaw (if any) who they prefer to deal with. It is probable that some of these chiefs were highly influential in tribal affairs, but we will never know of their contributions.

James Colbert had the potential to become influential because he had lived in white and Chickasaw society and was conversant in both. He also had three Chickasaw wives, had children with each of them who were all raised as Chickasaw. He realized that potential not as a tribal leader but in a number of important roles. He was an interpreter and trusted advisor to the chiefs, an English trader and a staunch English ally and soldier.

Another contributing factor to his notoriety is that he lived with the Chickasaw during a pivotal era in tribal history, when English arms, ammunition and support were helping the tribe to combat the French and their allies. Though the English may have been motivated by business and its competition with France, English support clearly helped enable the Chickasaw to survive.

After about 1740, when the

Chickasaw had consolidated into one relatively small settlement area of several villages, Colbert lived in proximity to two great war chiefs, Payamataha and Mingo Houma. The three men probably were of similar ages and died within a year of one another. Growing up, Colbert may have been childhood friends with one or both of them. Subsequently, Payamataha and Mingo Houma had earned the right to be named war chiefs. The war chief who discussed Chickasaw spirituality with the Rev. John Wesley in 1736 was identified by a name similar to Payamataha and may have been him. Meanwhile, James Colbert may or may not have been adopted into the tribe. But one way or the other, he became increasingly influential to the Chickasaw chiefs, which made up the last generation of full-blood leaders. In this way, James Colbert was the link between the full-blood leadership and the leadership provided in the future by his sons.

For the Chickasaw, nearly sixty years of almost unrelieved warfare with the French and their native allies ended in 1763, when the French ceded "their land" to the English and Spanish. The ensuing 20 years were comparatively tranquil, and the Chickasaw population increased. In the absence of warfare, they turned to diplomacy.

Whatever their early relationship as warriors had been like, by the 1760s Mingo Houma and Payamataha seemed to have become competitive toward each other. Whether this naturally grew out of differences in leadership or was manipulated by the English is not known, but it was probably the latter. Superintendent of Indian Affairs John Stuart thought Payamataha more competent and cooperative and therefore favored him over Mingo Houma. Stuart gave Payamataha a Great Medal while giving Mingo Houma a smaller medal. At the British Congress in Mobile in 1771, Mingo Houma told the English leaders he was the Chickasaw king (a title of importance more to the English than the Chickasaw) and that Payamataha was one of his warriors. How he had become king is not known, since that position traditionally was inherited, not

earned through merit like the position of war chief. Evidence shows that many Chickasaw proclaimed Mingo Houma to be the king, and that one of his descendants later became king, without having been a war chief. Perhaps this is an indicator that the tribe's traditional customs for leadership had been eroded by the English.

Payamataha addressed the erosion of tribal customs and values in 1771 at the Mobile Conference. "I am a Redman of a Nation once great but now much diminished by Death." Then, he said that the Nation had been diminished in other ways as well. The people have been disrupted by traders who cheated them. Worse still, these traders made the Chickasaws disrespect the old ways and corrupted their manners to the point that "I cannot govern them."

The Chickasaw leaders never understood why English were fighting English in the American Revolutionary War. Although Payamataha and Mingo Houma pledged their support to England, Payamataha was reluctant to approve the British request to help them fight the Americans. How could they tell them apart, he wanted to know. Warriors might mistakenly kill British soldiers. Moreover, if the warriors left their nation to fight in remote locations, their towns would be relatively defenseless against attacks from Americans (specifically Virginians) or their Indian enemies.

James Colbert, however, was a most willing volunteer for the British cause. Early in the war, he helped distribute munitions to the militantly pro-British Cherokees. Later, he became, in effect, the British agent to the Chickasaw.

Spain captured West Florida from Britain in 1781. The Spanish had been a supporter of the tribe's enemies, the French, and some of the northern tribes that raided Chickasaw hunting camps on the tribe's hunting grounds. Nevertheless, the Chickasaw lacked the strength to war with the Spanish colonizers. In fact, Payamataha, played the British and Spanish off against one another. He wooed each colony for the benefit of his tribe.

James Colbert warned the British that if more guns and

ammunition were not forthcoming, the Spanish would find a receptive audience among the warriors. To thicken the plot, the Americans built Fort Jefferson on Chickasaw hunting land. The design was to use the fort from which to arm northern Indians to clear the way for an American penetration into the southeast. The Chickasaw regarded the Americans as their enemy not only for this reason but also because America allied with France. If the Americans wanted peace, the Chickasaw chiefs told them in a letter, they should "turn their hatchet against the French."

Colbert's forces, mainly mixed bloods and whites, attacked the fort for several days in May 1781 and afterward. When it was abandoned later that year, a faction of Chickasaw, under the leadership of Colbert, who was then approximately 60 years of age, began a guerilla campaign to disrupt Spanish shipping. The Spanish gave the Kickapoos financial incentives to make war on their long-time enemy. On the other hand, historian Don Martini has written that Colbert, no friend of the Americans, and some 350 of his partisans, probably took part in the Cherokee raids against the Cumberland settlements in 1780-81. Numerous American settlers were killed.

Later in 1781, Lord Charles Cornwallis, the English commander, surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown, and the Chickasaw faced the unpleasant reality that its ally and primary trading partner, Britain, might soon be withdrawing from the southeast. Life-long English supporter Payamataha courted the Americans and the Spanish. He ultimately became the nominal leader of the pro-Spanish faction, assuring the Spanish that he would curtail Colbert's guerilla actions against them. But Colbert and his sons, dispensing the spoils of their raids on the warriors, were too popular to stop.

The position of Mingo Houma in relation to American and Spain isn't fully known because his name seldom appeared in the Spanish and American documents. But in one 1782 letter he said he wished to "eat, drink & smoke Together as Friends &

Brothers" with the Americans. He may have been recognized as the leader of the pro-American faction of the tribe, but if so, it would not be for long. He sustained a crippling injury of some kind, and his role in tribal affairs ebbed. Before his death, Mingo Houma was not recognized as the leader of the pro-American faction. Perhaps he had not wished to be.

Rather a war chief, Piomingo, emerged in 1782 as the leader of the remnants of the old anti-French faction that had blended with the anti-Spanish group to form the vanguard of a new pro-American faction. Little is known about this man before then. Piomingo was not his name; it was a title meaning "mountain leader," and the colonials spelled the name different ways. There were other Chickasaw chiefs known by similar names and spellings, so it is impossible to track these names back in history to specific individuals. Doubtless, he was popular and respected by the tribe as a warrior, but his "power" may have stemmed as much or more from American support as tribal support.

In September of 1783, Britain recognized U.S. independence and Spain's takeover of Florida. This left James Colbert with nothing to fight for or against, so he disbanded his force and released his prisoners. This enabled both powers to court the Chickasaw unfettered. Piomingo and others signed a treaty of alliance with the Virginians in November 1783.

A month later, on a trip across the southeast, James Colbert stopped in south central Alabama to visit Alexander McGillivray, who at only 25 years of age, had recently become principal chief of the Creeks. Colbert had been a great friend of McGillivray's father, the Scottish trader Lachlan McGillivray. After the Georgians confiscated his father's land because of his Tory leanings in 1775, Alexander became passionately anti-American. It was natural under the circumstances for him to ally with the Spanish. Meanwhile, the Spanish were

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# Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound enjoy 'wild' time at OKC Zoo

The Chickasaw Foundation received a ZOO FUNd for Kids grant from the Oklahoma Zoological Society which covered admission fees for the Upward Bound students to attend the Oklahoma City Zoo on September 25, 2004. The zoo is celebrating their 100-year anniversary with the theme "100 Years and Still Driving You Wild."

Students enjoyed watching the Fins and Feathers show which featured California seal lions, named Midge & Madge, a West African Crowned Crane and an African Gray Parrot. They also participated in the training of a newly un-tethered owl to perform flyovers above the audience. Several students had fun in the Morphis Virtual Simulator and with the snow leopard masks they bought at the gift shop. Snow leopards are part of the Cat Forest/Lion Overlook exhibit. Others enjoyed riding the safari tram and stopping at the Great EscApe exhibit to see the two new baby gorillas. The bison exhibit also had a baby bison that was born recently.

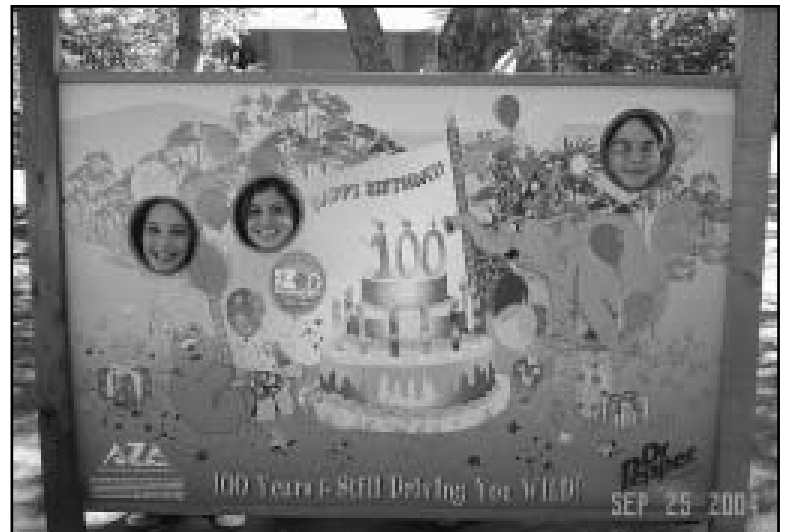
Students were able to see the two grizzly bears placed at the OKC Zoo after being orphaned in the Alaskan wilderness last year. They will soon be a part of the new Oklahoma Trails exhibit currently under construction. Students had a "wild" time and a great learning experience.



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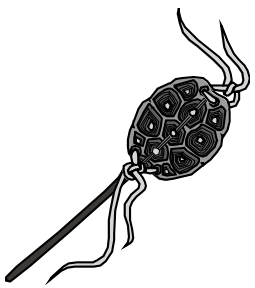
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pursuing claims against Colbert for the vessels and property he had so aggressively seized during the raids. In his last letter, he worried that the Spanish would try to seize his property.

This meeting must have been quite interesting, even poignant. While Colbert and Chief McGillivray had been pro-British allies, that was now history. The future would be different. The chief probably told Colbert that he was on the verge of signing a treaty alliance with Spain. Colbert couldn't have been pleased, because he knew it would only be a matter of time before pro-American Chickasaws and Creeks were at war. It must have been a melancholy parting for the friends. A few days later, in January 1784, Colbert was killed after being thrown from his horse, according to his slave who had accompanied him

on the trip.

Could he have murdered? A man with as many enemies as Colbert certainly might have been targeted for revenge, but there was no clear political or military motive. In the vacuum left by Britain's exit, Colbert seemed to have no role in the tribe's future, other than perhaps through his Chickasaw sons, William, George, Levi and James. Although they were mixed-blood Chickasaw, the tribe traditionally considered such offspring as Chickasaw. As the sons had fought under their father in a number of raids and battles, they had become influential both by association and merit. They were prepared to use their knowledge of growing up Chickasaw with the teachings and example of their relatively worldly father.

Later that year, 1784, the

tribe's two long-time leaders, Payamataha and Mingo Houma both died of infectious disease. This might have perpetuated the power vacuum left by Britain's exit, but Piomingo seems to have already consolidated his position as leader of the American party (likely with American help). The Spanish party leadership passed to Taski Etoke, called the Harelipped King, who was a nephew of Mingo Houma.

Not only did McGillivray sign an alliance with Spain that same year, he also convened an Indian council in June in Mobile with Spanish officials. By stirring up fear among the Chickasaw that the Americans meant to appropriate their land for the ever-increasing number of settlers, McGillivray was instrumental in a Chickasaw faction's decision to sign an alliance with Spain. One of the signers was a chief named Ugulaycabe. In time, he would become leader of the pro-Spanish faction. By that summer, trade goods from the

Spanish-allied firm of Panton and Leslie were flowing into the Chickasaw Nation. Just before his death, James Colbert wrote that he had arranged to get his son, James, a position with the firm that had a contract with Spain, his avowed enemy. That is intriguing. Did this mean that Colbert was supporting Spain, or had this been a business decision to help his son, and perhaps himself?

Despite the maneuverings of McGillivray, Piomingo led a group of Chickasaws to Hopewell, South Carolina to meet the Americans at an intertribal council. The Americans signed separate treaties with the Cherokees, Creeks and Choctaws, and then a treaty with the Chickasaws in January 1786. Among other things, the Chickasaw signers declared the tribe to be under the sole protection of the United States. The Hopewell Treaty also defined Chickasaw boundaries. The U.S. reserved a tract of land five

miles in diameter near Muscle Shoals for a future trading post, out of which the U.S. would have exclusive trading rights with the Chickasaw (which was impossible given the large pro-Spanish faction of the tribe.) According to one clause, "The hatchet shall be forever buried," between them. Another clause, which the Chickasaw undoubtedly didn't understand, stated that the U.S. was authorized to manage all their (Chickasaw) affairs in such manner as they may "think proper."

Tribal leaders had signed separate treaties with nations that were hostile to one another. Was this a prescription for survival or disaster?

Part II will appear in the December Times.

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## Dancers at Natchez Trace

TUPELO, Miss. - In recognition of American Indian Heritage Month, the Natchez Trace Parkway presents the Choctaw Tribal Social Dancers from Philadelphia, Mississippi.

On Saturday, November 13, 2004, the Natchez Trace Parkway will host the presentation of 30 Choctaw social dancers, with a narration of the dances. The program will be from 1 p.m.

to 2 p.m. at the Visitor Center located at Parkway milepost 266 near Tupelo, Mississippi.

Weather permitting, the program will be outside, so bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this free event.

For more information about the program, please contact the Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center at (662) 680-4027 or 1-800-305-7417.

## Grant for epidemiology center

OKLAHOMA CITY - On October 4, Dr. Charles Grim, Director of the Indian Health Service, presented the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board with a ceremonial check for \$300,000 symbolizing the grant awarded for the first year's epidemiology center operations. The Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board has long waited for the opportunity to move forward with the possibility of establishing an Epi Center to serve the tribes of the Oklahoma City Area.

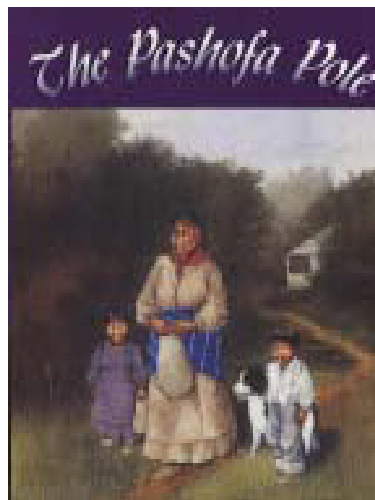
Grant funds will hire staff and provide the infrastructure for a centralized Epidemiology Center in partnership with the IHS Oklahoma City Area Office. Objectives of the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board Epidemiology Center in-

clude: 1) develop Epidemiology Center infrastructure, 2) data enhancement and Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban (I/T/U) training project, 3) improving disease surveillance, 4) monitor and analyze chronic and communicable disease prevalence rates, 5) develop I/T/U Community Health Profiles, and 6) data and analysis dissemination via a website, brochure, and quarterly newsletter.

"This is significant day for tribes of the Oklahoma City Area, as the Inter-Tribal Health Board establishes an Epi Center for the tribes" said Chris Walker, Chairman of OCAITHB. "We are greatly appreciative of the Indian Health Service and its commitment to supporting the Health Board with funding this Epi Center."

## Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

### Featured Selections of the Month



#### The Pashofa Pole

by Mary M. Frye, illustrated by Norma Howard, Translated by Henry Willis

*Dedication page: The Pashofa Pole is a modern story, not an adaptation of a traditional tale. There is no actual "pashofa pole" in traditional Choctaw culture, but the idea for this may be based on the "crying pole." Traditionally, when someone was buried, poles with long, flying streamers were planted in the earth around the grave. During the period of mourning, one pole was pulled from the ground each day, and there would follow a feast. When all the poles were pulled, the grieving period was over.*

Childrens Section



#### Shell Shaker

by LeAnne Howe

*Back cover: Why was Red Shoes, the most formidable Choctaw warrior of the eighteenth century, assassinated by his own people? Why does his death haunt Auda Billy, an Oklahoma Choctaw woman, accused in 1991 of murdering Choctaw Chief Redford McAlester? Moving between the known details of Red Shoes' life and the riddle of McAlester's death, this novel traces the history of the Billy woman whose destiny it is to solve both murders - with the help of a powerful spirit known as the*

*Shell Shaker.*

Literature Section

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# The Battle of a Lifetime

*(The following is short account of one man's battle with diabetes. The names have been changed at the request of family members.)*

Will had been a fighter all his life and that never changed. For weeks his family kept vigil by his hospital bed. They suffered along with the last few days, watching him struggle for every breath, until finally his battered body could fight no more.

Will never closed his tired, glassy eyes in resignation when his breathing stopped for the third and final time that morning.

"I love you, I love you," whispered his youngest daughter, Samantha, as she leaned close to be sure those words were the last ones he heard in this life.

Tears ran down her cheeks and fell silently onto the hospital gown draped loosely over his lifeless frame as she reached out her fingers to gently close her father's eyes, thus ending a story that began more than two decades earlier when Will was first diagnosed with diabetes.

Will was a man who loved life and wasn't going to let a diagnosis of diabetes change the way he lived.

He loved to eat and nothing was going to change that. He was successful enough that he no longer had to do manual labor. And exercise was certainly out of the question.

"I'm not going to walk," he would say. "That's why I've got that truck out there. I might walk across the street, but that's about it."

His family, especially his wife, urged him to take steps to control his blood sugar. But he didn't bother to change his diet or monitor his blood sugar. And he continued to feel fine, most of the time.

The disease was not severe enough to require insulin injections, or cause obvious symptoms. Slowly but surely, however, the disease was wreaking havoc inside his body.

When his beloved wife died of cancer some years later, the strongest voice urging him to

take better care of himself was gone. While the rest of his family continued trying to convince him to change his ways, it was to no avail.

Eventually, Will began to have some trouble with his eyes. Nothing too serious, he thought, but the ophthalmologist told him the small blood vessels in his eyes had started to rupture.

Regular visits for laser surgery slowed the deterioration, but didn't improve his vision.

Only a few years later he experienced abdominal pain so severe it forced him to make his first ever visit to a hospital emergency room.

That trip ended with emergency surgery to remove a section of his intestine almost totally blocked by a cancerous tumor.

While he was in the hospital recuperating, Will's doctor informed him that he had also developed congestive heart failure caused by the deterioration of the tiny blood vessels around his heart.

After surgery, he suffered

through months of cancer chemotherapy treatments that left him weak, groggy and nauseous and reduced his once thick, dark hair to thin patches of gray sprouting from his pale skull.

At this point, Samantha began to make twice daily visits to his home to make sure he was eating properly and taking his medication.

Months later, during a welcomed break in chemotherapy treatments he began to feel more like his old self.

"You know, I was never sick a day in my life till I had that surgery," he said one day out of the blue.

A couple of months after that, however, his health began to decline again. Finally, he told his daughter he wasn't feeling well.

"I feel kind of like I did when I was taking that cancer medicine, but I haven't had any of that for a long time," he said. "Maybe you better take me back to the doctor."

Knowing her father must be in excruciating pain to say that, Samantha called to set up an appointment with his primary physician.

After some tests, his doctor informed him that he would have to begin dialysis treatments right away.

He sat through four hour treatments three times a week as the dialysis machine did the life sustaining work his kidneys had once performed. Most times the treatments left him nauseous, weak and sluggish, with barely enough time to recuperate before it was time for the next treatment.

Some months later he was scheduled to resume cancer chemotherapy, but the dialysis treatments had such a devastating effect, he decided it would be impossible to tolerate both treatments at once.

While preparing for a visit to a vascular surgeon to schedule surgery to insert a shunt for dialysis, Samantha noticed one of her father's toes was black and shriveled.

The vascular surgeon informed him he would have to have an amputation very soon.

Devastated by the news, the family tried to find any way

possible to avoid the loss of his foot.

Eventually, however, the leg had to be amputated below the knee.

Despite the bypass surgery in his legs aimed at restoring circulation, his wounds healed slowly.

He was now completely bed-fast and Samantha decided she would sleep on the couch near his bed, at least until he could be fitted with a prostheses and was once again able to move about the house on his own.

About a year later, his other leg was also removed below the knee. That wound was even slower to heal, making it impossible to fit him with prostheses.

While other family members tried to convince Samantha to place Will in a nursing home, she rejected that option and moved out of her own home and into his to provide constant care.

For more than two years she put her own life on hold as she prepared his meals, made sure he took more than a dozen prescriptions daily, transported him to dialysis treatments three times a week, took him to the doctor regularly, admitted him to the hospital for treatment when necessary and did all the other things necessary to keep him as comfortable as possible.

All the loving care she could provide was not enough however.

Eventually, he was forced to return to the hospital when he started to suffer from intense pain in his back and chest and began coughing up blood.

"I just can't take care of you by myself any more," Samantha finally told Will after he had been in the hospital for several weeks. "I wish I could, but I can't take you home from the hospital this time."

Later that week, two days after the doctor told Samantha the cancer had returned and filled Will's lungs with tumors too numerous to treat, Will's battle was over.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## WIC program invites mothers, children to build healthy lifestyles

ADA, Okla. - The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a nutrition program offered by the Chickasaw Nation. WIC Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan.

WIC is designed to assist in meeting the health and nutrition needs of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. The WIC Program offers nutrition education to teach families about nutritious choices, along with a supplemental food package high in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C. The WIC Program helps people improve their diet, get immunizations and health care, if needed, and promotes breastfeeding as the best method for feeding most infants.

To participate in the Chickasaw Nation WIC Program you must:

- Be a pregnant or breastfeeding woman, or have had a

baby in the past six months, or have a child up to five years of age.

- Meet income guidelines.

- Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to see if you are at nutritional risk.

Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met. Standards for participation in the program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, political beliefs, sex or handicap.

The WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, carrots, tuna and peanut butter or dry beans/peas and infant formula for infants if needed. All WIC paraprofessionals/professionals are trained as Certified Breastfeeding Educators to assist mothers who choose to breastfeed in having a successful experience. Electric breast pumps are available for

use by WIC participants at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Chickasaw Nation tribal headquarters (Ada) and Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell.

In the summer months, Chickasaw Nation WIC participants are eligible for Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation WIC program, please call (580) 436-7255. WIC has a toll free number for your convenience. The toll free number is 1-888-436-7255.

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# November marks awareness of diabetes, heart disease

During the month of November, the American Diabetes Association together with the American College of Cardiology, are working to increase awareness of the link between diabetes and heart disease. Through an initiative called "Make the Link! Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke" the organizations are urging people with diabetes to learn how they can lower their chances for heart disease and stroke.

According to the American Diabetes Association:

- More than 107,000 Native Americans and Alaska Natives, or 14.5 percent of the population, receiving care from Indian Health Services have diabetes.

- On average, Native Americans are 2.2 times more likely to have diagnosed diabetes as non-Hispanic whites of similar age.

- At the regional level, diabetes prevalence is 27 percent among Native Americans in the southeastern United States.

The most life-threatening consequences of diabetes are heart disease and stroke, which strike people with diabetes more than twice as often as they do others. Other complications include blindness, kidney disease and amputations.

You can keep your risk low by:

- Keeping your weight in control (or losing weight if you are overweight)

- Staying active most days of the week

- Eating low fat meals high in fruits, vegetables and whole grain foods

**Patient education is critical.**

People with diabetes can reduce their risk for complications if they are educated about their disease, learn and practice the skills necessary to better control their blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and receive regular checkups from their health care team. Smokers should stop smoking and overweight Native Americans with diabetes should develop

moderate diet and exercise regimens under the guidance of a health care provider to help them achieve a healthier weight.

**Lifestyle changes can be significantly helpful.** People with diabetes should stop smoking, and with the help of their health care providers, should set goals for better control of blood glucose levels, as well as blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

**Health care team education is vital.** Because people with diabetes have a multi-system chronic disease, they are best monitored and managed by highly skilled health care professionals trained with the latest information on diabetes to help ensure early detection

and appropriate treatment of the serious complications of the disease. A team approach to treating and monitoring this disease serves the best interests of the patient.

The Carl Albert Indian Health Facility has diabetes awareness activities planned during the month. For more information, call (580) 421-4532 or (800) 851-9136.

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- Natural resource assessments.
- Conservation planning assistance
- Technical assistance for conservation practices
- Cost share programs for conservation work

You may contact the USDA Service Center in your area for assistance. They are listed in the white pages of your phone book under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture. You may also contact the NRCS Tribal Resource Conservationist to the Chickasaw Nation at (580) 332-3070 ext. 3. Information is also available on USDA's World Wide Web site: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

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\* Deceased

Adkins, William Powell Jr. US Navy Signalman First Class 1952-1972

Alberson, Steven

Andrews, Earl L.\* Army WWII Died April 1945, Rhine River

Andrews, Vernon R. Army 1st Calvary WWII 1946-1948

Asbury, Ed Army WWII

Bailey, Larry WWII

Barnoski, Matthew - Air Force 43rd Logistics readiness Squadron Osan, South Korea - 1999-2005

Beck, Eddie\* Army Vietnam Era

Beck, Jimmy Army Vietnam Era

Beck, Tommy Army Vietnam Era

Berna, Amber

Bolen, Joseph Army WWI Camp Devens, Mass.

Britt, Charley - Army Quartermaster Corp, WWII - Pacific

Brower, Kelly

Bryant, Tommy Lee Air Force Vietnam Era

Byars, Harrison

Carter, Virgil E. Marines Dec 8, 1942-1946 Corporal

Cheadle, Tammie

Colbert, James Marines E4

Cole, John - USAF - 1966069

Collins, Virgil Cornelius Navy Dec 1941 – Aug 1945

Connelly, John W. - Ary Cpl. Twelfth Infantry, Co. H. WWII

Connelly, William Ambrose - Army WWI

Cooper, Tom Vietnam Era

Cravatt, Munsy

Cravatt, Lee

Cravatt, Wayne

Culbert Cubby -

Cumins, Eddy - Air Force Materiel Command - Currently serving in Iraq

Curtis, Elmer Navy WWII

Davis, Randall, E. Army 716th MP BN

Dunn, Billy Joe Navy Vietnam Era (gun boats)

Durant, Preman John Army WWI Company E 357<sup>th</sup> Inf. 90<sup>th</sup> Division

Duston, Guy - USMC Cpl E-4 1963-1967, AF-SSgt. - E-5 1967-1971

Engle, David

Gaskell, Mary Alice

Gibson, Lenard

Goodwin, Billie, J. - Air Force - 1956-76

Greenwood, Leon Army Vietnam Era

Greenwood, Robert Marines Vietnam Era

Greenwood, Virgil J. WWII Served on the USS Boston

Grellner, Tom - Navy Cryptology Detachment - 1985-present

Guess, Earnest Air Force WWII

Hawkins, Kenneth\* Vietnam Era

Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era

Hamilton, Andris

Hamilton, Joseph

Hammond, Mark - Army Spc 5 - Medical Specialist - Currently serving in Iraq

Harris, Delos - Army, WWI

Holder, Johnson

Holt, Gale B. - Merchant Marines - WWII - (given veteran status after war)

Jackson, Floyd\* Korean War

James, Overton Navy 1943-1946 Carpenter's mate second class

Navy reserve 1947-1952

OK. National Guard 1954-1957

James, Jimmy

Johnson, Elvis Army Persian Gulf 101<sup>st</sup> AB 1986-1994

Keel, Jefferson Vietnam Era

Keel, Tommy Vietnam Era

Kennedy, Patrick Navy 1984-1986

Kennedy, William D. Navy WWII

Maytubby, Army WWI (1917)- Camp Merritt, N.J.

Born - Reagan, Okla.

Maytubby, Lymon J. - Army Captain - Vietnam Era

McCurry, Donna

Mellor, William Bruce\* - Army Korea 40th Infantry Division

Melville, Newton Navy 1942-1945 Pacific (USS Chicago (sank) USS Guam)

Morin, Lavern P. P.F.C. June 1943-Dec 1945

Mose, Dorsey

Mutz, Louis Platoon Sergeant

Neumeyer, Matthew P. - Army Comapny Cmdr. - Kuwait, Kosovo

Nichols, Robert E. USCG - Seaman First Class, - WWII 1942-45 Anti submarine warfare

Owens, Johhny (Buck) Korean War

Paul, Stephen S. Marines 1966-1972

Payne, Jerry Navy Nov 1966-Aug 1970

Pich, David Army Vietnam Era (retired)

Quincy, W.W. (Bill) jr. WWII

Ratliff, John \* Normandy Invasion –Battle of the Bulge

Reed, Mike

Reich, Dana Army

Rich, Perry - Marines - 1977-1984

Rider, Anthony “Tony” - USMC - served in Iraq March 2003 - Oct. 03

Rodke, R.B. WWII Col.

Rolin, Roy WWII – Korean

Ross, Herman Wilson\* - WWI Pacific

Saiser, Richard R. - Air Force FAC-interpreter - Vietnam Era

Scoggin, Henry B.\* - StaffSgt. Company C. 99th Chemical WWII 1942-45

Sealey, Lenard

Sealy, Ben

Shavne, Beulah M. - WArmy Aux Corp May 1943-Aug. 1943 Army WAC Aug. 1943-Dec.1945

Shico, Donald \* Vietnam Era

Snyder, Brian Karl - Army Artillery - Vietnam Era

Snyder, Clifford Gene- Army 504th MP Battalion - Vietnam Era

Spradlin, Joshua P. - Navy Master of Arms Seaman Apprentice - Keflavik, Iceland

Spradling, Jason Army Persian Gulf

Still, Jessie Lee

Still, Joel

Sweet, Bobby Marines Vietnam Era

Sweet, Jerry Marines Vietnam Era

Swinney, Roy Harvey Navy 1945-1946

Underwood, David Army 1973-1976

Underwood, J.H. Army WWI Pvt.

Underwood, James Army Vietnam Era 1966-1969

Vale, John Air Force 1951-1955

Victor, Alfred Civil War Battle of Pea Ridge

Walker, James Charles Korean War

Walker, William Dugles Navy Seaman Second Class USS Oklahoma

Walton, Ervin Army Vietnam Era 1967-1968

Wells, Billy Amon Air Force 1947-1968 Master Sergeant

Veterans list , continued from page 2

White, Walter Ross    Army Air Corp        WWII   Cpl.  
Williford, Lawrence E.        Navy   WWII 1942-1945 Pacific  
Williford, Samuel F.    Army        WWII 1942-1945 SSG Pacific  
Willis, Jared        Army        Iraq Purple Heart  
Wilson, Dustin  
Wilson, Joseph R. - Army E-5 Vietnam Era Jan. 1966 - Dec. 1968  
Wilson, Rex        Marines  
Wilson, Rick  
Wisdom, Lige  
Wisdom, Noah\*        WWII  
Woods, Robert\*        Vietnam Era  
Worcester, Frank  
Worcester, Lester,  
Worcester, Melvin  
Worcester, Michael  
Worcester, Roy  
Word, Estill  
Yoakum, Woodrow - Army Seventh Corp 951st F.A.

**Family Members**  
^Bond, Curtis\* -    Army  
^Bond, George    Army        WWII (retired)  
^Bond, Larry    Army  
^London, Clyde C.    Air Force    Vietnam-Korea (retired)  
^London, Larry    Navy  
^London, Gary    Army  
^London, Murphy    Army        (retired)  
^London, Jeremiah    Army  
^Phillips, Raymond    Army        Vietnam-Korea  
^Sharpe, Mack    Marines  
^Hyden, Preston    Marines  
^Family members submitted by Carmen Sharpe  
+++  
~Bynum, Joseph R.    Army        WWII   Cpl.  
~Bynum, Lola    Air Force    WWII   Cpt. War Department  
~Bynum, Ray C.    Navy        WWII   Gunners Mate  
~Bynum, Murle C.    Navy        Korean War  
~Bynum, Art    Army        Korean War   Air Photographer/Pilot  
~Family members submitted by Lola Bynum  
+++  
'Byrd, Roy Neal    Army        WWI        Cpl. 111<sup>th</sup> Eng.  
36<sup>th</sup> Division  
'Byrd, Roy Neal Jr.    Army        15<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force 465<sup>th</sup> Bomb  
Group  
'Family members submitted by Roy Neal Byrd Jr.  
+++  
Capes, Walter W. Navy Coxman First, WWII Jan. 1941 - June 1945 Pacific  
Capes, Bennie G.\* - Navy Boatsman Third, WWII Jan. 1941 - April 1945,  
Pacific  
Capes, Robison\* Army, Korean War  
Capes, David\* Army, Korean War  
family members submitted by Walter Capes  
+++  
Cathcart, Billy W.    Air Force  
Hollopeter, Wiley RayNavy        Vietnam Era  
Hollopeter, Billy WolfArmy        Vietnam Era  
Family members submitted by Doris Trotter  
+++  
@Chase, Grove    Navy        WWII  
@Chase, Richard    Marines    Vietnam Era

@Chase, Danny    Air Force    Vietnam Era  
@Chase, Kennen    Marines    Vietnam Era  
@Family members  
+++  
-Cheadle, Overton (Buck) - Navy Athletic Specialist, First Class Petty  
Officer 1943-46WWII  
-Cheadle, Robert - Marine Corps Vietnam Era - 1966-69  
-(Cheadle) Gaskell, Mary Alice - Air Force Captain - 15 years  
-(Cheadle) Kline, Tommy - Navy - WWII - 1943-46  
-family members submitted by Overton “Buck”Cheadle  
+++  
Duckworth, Wiley Jay\* - Army WWI (Original enrollee)  
Duckworth, Wiley Joe - Army WWII  
family members submitted by Betty McCullah  
+++  
>Haddock, Nick    Navy Reserve Vietnam Era  
>Haddock, Russell    Navy  
>Family members submitted by Nick Haddock  
+++  
<Hayes, Don        Army        Vietnam Era 1969-1971  
<Hayes, Ron        Marines    Vietnam Era 1966-1969 (sniper)  
<Family members  
+++  
%Hodges, James D.    Army        Vietnam Era (retired 21 years)  
%Ivey, Ronald D.    Air Force    Vietnam Era  
%Hodges, Gary Dale        Vietnam Era  
%Family members submitted by Lura Mullican  
+++  
Kale, Wilson        Army        1940-1945  
Kale, Carroll Wayne    Army        Berlin Crisis – Korean  
War – Vietnam Era  
Kale, Douglas        Army        1389<sup>th</sup> BBQ Bermuda  
Base Command Sergeant  
Kale, Henry A Jr.    Army        Korean War  
Kale, Kenneth M.    Navy        Korean War  
Kale, Jack C.        Navy        WWII  
Kale, Claywood D.    Navy        WWII  
Family members  
+++  
Kincaid, Roy Sullivan\* - Army Tech 5th Grade - 1942-45  
Kincaid, Robert Louis - Navy Pharmacist’s Mate, First Class - WWII  
family members submitted by Janis Elayne Healy  
+++  
Landreth, Dewey W. - USMC - WWII and Korea  
Landreth, Robert Z.\* - USMC - WWII and Korea  
Landreth, Knute\* - Army - WWII, Korea and Vietnam  
Landreth, Knute Jr. - Army - Vietnam  
+++  
Neal, Mouzon, E. - Army - WWII - 25 years Army Reserves  
Neal, Rev. Oliver B. Jr. - Army 1948-50  
Neal, Oliver B. III - Army 1974-76 - Vietnam Era  
+++  
Ned, Aubrey - Air Force  
Ned-Deal, Amanda - Air Force  
Ned, Morris Homer - Army WWII  
Ned, Morris ridgely - Army  
Burris, Gene - Army  
Burris, Odie - Navy  
Collins, Lroy - Army  
family members submitted by Dawn Ahhaitty

Home  
Tishomingo, Oklahoma

## Obituaries in Chickasaw, continued from page 2

Yvonne Alberson, daughter of Jonas L and Josie (Lowery) Imotichey, was born on February 16, 1936 in Fillmore, Oklahoma. She passed from this life on May 29, 2004 in Durant, Oklahoma, at the age of sixty-eight years, three months and fourteen days.

Yvonne graduated from Milburn High School and received her Masters in Education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma. She married Eugene Milton Alberson on August 22, 1970 in Fillmore, Okla. Yvonne was the only Chickasaw Language Certified Teacher in the state of Oklahoma and had been teaching Chickasaw Language classes at the Memorial Grade School in Tishomingo since 1966. She was a member of the Freedom Fellowship Church in Fillmore and enjoyed teaching, quilting and shopping at the mall.

Surviving Yvonne is her son Jeffrey Scott Alberson of Coleman, Okla.; a stepson Steve Alberson of Statesville, N.C.; a stepdaughter and son-in-law Sherri Alberson Moretz and Wayne of Boone, N.C.; brothers and sisters-in-law Jerry Imotichey and Janis of Fillmore, Okla., Paul Imotichey and Betsy of Smyrna, Tenn., Robert Imotichey and Johnnie of Fillmore, Okla., and Dwight Imotichey and Peggy of Oklahoma City; sisters and brothers-in-law Margaret Downing of Ada, Okla. and Marlene Tims and Don of Tishomingo, Okla.; two grandchildren Quannah and Kyleah Moretz of Boone, N.C.; and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her husband Eugene on May 5, 1990 and her parents.

### ihollo anukfoka

#### Yvonne Alberson

hushi kunutli tuklo Chosti

Chun nitak umonatalhepa Sipokni tukla cha oshta

Campbell-Watts hatak illaa-asha aiitanaha

Tishomingo, Oklahoma

illi isht anumpli

ubanumpaishi Rev. Don Tims

itibapishi Ritchi

Chikasha taloa

illi itubi sholi

Travis John, Steven John, Aaron Keel, Tracy James, Mi-

chael Imotichey Kwiana Imotichey

aholopi

Shinuk Bokoshi illi aii asha

Fillmore, Oklahoma

Yvonne Alberson ut Jonas L. Micha Josie (Lowery) Imotichey oshshi tek otok, hatak utta kut hushi tuklo nitak awa-hunali, awachukali cha Poklit tuchina chukli tok o Fillmore, Oklahoma. Nitak aloshoma kut me pocolo tuklo chukli, tahlepa sipokni cha oshta. Afummi Sipokni cha oshta. Afummi sipokni ut pokoli hanali otuchina hushi tochina cha nitak awa-oshta tok.

Yvonne ut hollisapisa chaha Milburn, Oklahoma ako ihoputli mut anowa Durant, Oklahoma Ko hollossapisa nannaitana aiyat hollisapisachi holliso ishi tok. Eugene Milton Alberson ako akus pokoli tuklo awa-chukli pokoli otuklo ittihalutli tok ah Fillmore, Oklahoma. Yvonne ila chuffa'si mut holliso isht alhli ishi chikasha imanumpa imabachi beka kut-Tishomingo holissoapisa chikasha anumpli pisachi aiya tok afummi awachukli chukli hunali - freedom fellowship aii thana Fillmore ako achuffa to. nanna anninchi kut, hollissopaschi nachi acholi, micha nanachompa mall aiat isht eh chokma tok. Yvonne ut ikaalawicho kut aiyasha oshi toba Steve Alberson Statesville, N.C., micha ippok-tek, Sherri Alberson Moretz, ihatak Wayne, Boone, N.C., inokfi, Jerry imotichey, imehoe Betsey Smyrna, Tenn., Robert imotichey imehoe Johni Fillmore, Okla., Mikmot itibapishi Margaret Downing Ada, Okla., Marlene Tims hatak Don, Tishomingo, Okla., ipok tuklo, Quannah micha Kyleah Moretz Boone, N.C., mikmot ipok ishto chuffa, micha ebaiyi ibihteck micha ittikanohmi lawa ot asha mikmot iana chomi.

Yvonne ihatak ut tikba loshoma tok. Me nitak tulhapi afummi awa-chakal chakali pokoli, mikmot ik, ishki tawa tikba loshoma tok.

### Amos W. "Buster" Hayes

Illi isht anumpli ut Amos "Buster" Hayes, 84, Ada, Okla. ako April 23, 2004 Ash Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Oklahoma; Vernell West akat isht anumpli tok. Rosedale illi aiiasha, Ada, ako aboli tok.

Yammako Chickasha holitoplich apesachi ut tushka chepota holitoplich ima tok.

Mr. Hayes April 20, 2004 Oklahoma City abeka aiisha aloshoma tok.

November 7, 1919 hatak atta tok Ada, Oklahoma. Billie Perry micha Hattie Bell Newton Hayes tawa kot iki-ishki tah tok. Ada alokoli ko ahunta beka tok holissapesa is Kuno Hayes, micha Ada holissapesa chaha alhopolli mot affume tuklo moma holissoapesa ishto East Central University aiyah tok.

Afummi kanomi Ada Evening News atoksali tok. holisso nanna ulhli fokhi chi kut ayowa tahlit imish kalioka otok. Chickasha Holisso tali ishtincholi ah toksali momot loshoma tok. Tushka chepota, Army Air Corps ibafokha tok, tunip atukla ash. Mikmot American Legion achufa tok.

Mr. Hayes ut College Heights Missionary Baptist Church achufa micha iksa pelichi hekiyat

loshoma tok. Misha kosht nitak hollo holisso pesachi imishkoboka ot hekia tok.

Amos micha Anna Louise Thompson taha ittihalutli tok November 27, 1946; Anna Louise ut loshoma tok December 11, 1994ush Ada, Oklahoma.

Amos micha ikalawicho ut asha, ushi tuklo, Wayne Patty Ada, Randel Patty, Baton Rouge, La., itek Virginia Bowers, Ada, imalak, George Parker, Ada, ipok oshta, angela Baltimore, Monique Bucaro, drew Patty micha Sandra Mosier; ibiteck (nieces) oshta, Ann Patty, Carol Strain, Rosa Tudor, micha Jo Jones mikmot ibyyi chu Gary Don Parker.

itubi sholi

Harold Mann Kevin Bowles, Eric Todd, Robert West, Kevin Worcester

### Mable (Williams) Jones

Mabel (Williams) Jones 82, Coalgate, Oklahoma ahunta took May 23, 2003 loshoma

tok.

illi isht anumpli ut May 30, 2003 Epperson Funeral Chapel ako isht asha tok, Rev. Matt Smith akot isht amompli tok, Keel family ahboli ko boli tok ihatak apotaka Claud Jones, boli tok.

Mabel ut April 5, 1921 hatak utta tok, Silas E. micha Eula Keel Williams ako iki-ishki tok, misha Olney, Oklahoma pila.

Carter Seminary micha chilocco Indian School ako holisso apesa aiya tok. alhchiba misha fokha onaka Chilocco itoksali na mot foha mot ichuka tok Olney falama ona tok.

Tikba illi kot, iki, ishki, ihatak, itibapishi Simon B. Williams mikmot ibaiya tuklo anowa ibiteck chufa.

Ikalawicho itibapishi touchina Alice Brown, Louise Cook tawa Coalgate ako ichuka, mikmot Irene Stutte, Clarita, Oklahoma mikmot iibiteck, ebaiyi mikmot ikana ilawa tok.

## Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing

### For You.....

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing offers you a full range of home loan products in addition to the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

Did you know that on virtually every kind of loan the seller can pay part of your closing cost? Has anyone taken the time to sit down with you and explain the process from start to finish or exactly what your closing costs actually are? Would you like personal, one on one attention to every detail?

Did you know that the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing is your ONLY source for the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan? HOWEVER, if you are Native American, and live in the Chickasaw Nation service area, we also have a loan product for you!

### Chuka Chukmasi

For Chickasaws ANYWHERE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES! Down payment and closing cost assistance is available. Homebuyer education is required!

### HUD 184

Available to any Tribe living in the Chickasaw Nation service area. This is a Native American loan and allows part of the closing costs to be financed into the loan. Borrowers need 2-3% of the purchase price of their own funds. These may be gifted funds or even a grant from their own tribe. No second mortgages are allowed on this loan. Homebuyer education is required!

### MyCommunityMortgage

This is community homebuyer loan. While there are income guidelines in certain areas, there are no income guidelines in underserved, low and moderate income or minority census tracts and central cities. Borrower investment can be as little as \$500 and community seconds are allowable as a source of funds for closing costs. Homebuyer education is required.

### VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer the veteran 100% financing.



## Anna "Roonie" Strong



Anna Laura "Roonie" Payne Strong, 90, of Duncan, Okla., died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004. Services were September 18, 2004 at the Assumption Catholic Church of Duncan. Burial was in the Duncan City Cemetery, under direction of Don Grantham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Strong was born Oct. 23, 1913, in Alma, Okla., to Thomas H. and Bessie Gentry Payne.

She was a member of the Chickasaw Nation. Her father, Thomas Hamilton Payne (Original Enrollee #3686), whose mother Mary Hardwick was a tribal member. Her grandfather, Thomas Bunker Payne, was an enrollee by intermarriage (I.T.D. 4060-1904).

She was a graduate of St. Elizabeth's Academy in Purcell, Okla., in 1931. St. Elizabeth's was a Catholic orphanage for Native American girls. Two of her sisters also attended St. Elizabeth's.

Many of her descendants are active members of the Chickasaw Nation. Several grandchildren have received university financial aid from both the Chickasaw Nation and the Bureau of Indian Health.

She is survived by five sons; one daughter; a sister, Lois Marie Payne Hanna; 22 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Thomas H. Payne, III; a sister, Fay Pierce Yeager; her husband, H.R. Strong; one daughter, Theresa Marie Rutledge; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chisholm Trail Hospice, P.O. Box 2000, Duncan, OK 73534-2000.



## Hurshlee "Cricket" Carter

Services for Hurshlee "Cricket" Carter, 78, Ada, Okla., were August 18, 2004 at the Worship Center Church of God, Ada, with the Revs. Robert Ingram, David Gray and Kenneth Angel officiating. Burial followed at Underwood Family Cemetery.

Ms. Carter died August 15, 2004 at a local hospital. She was born Oct. 23, 1925 at Stonewall, Okla., to I.H. and Eula Cunningham Underwood. She lived in the Ada and Stonewall area most of her life and attended school at Wright City.

Ms. Carter was a Community Health Representative for the Chickasaw Nation and a homemaker. She was a member of the Worship Center Church of God.

She was preceded in death by a son, Troy Wayne Cherry in 1976.

Survivors include a daughter, Katie Case and husband Wayne, Byng, Okla.; two sons, Jerry Carter, Nevada and Steven Carter and wife Cindy, Oklahoma City; three grandsons, Jeff Case, Lee Wayne Cherry and Robbie Dale Cherry; three granddaughters, Shawna Beth Jackson, Kim Carter and Cassidy Carter; five great-grandchildren, Erin Case, Kelli Case, Rhyann Case, Derrick Jackson and Ethan Jackson; and special friends, Leora Williams and Francis Hamilton.

Bearers were Carl Wade, Santee Wade, Maurice Adams, Brad Fortner, Fred Smith and Ray Starkey.

Honorary bearers were Floyd Keith Underhill and Bob Whitwell.

## Richard W.O. Jopling

Richard W.O. Jopling, 87, of Apopka, Florida, died July 24, 2004. A funeral with full military honors was conducted July 28, 2004 at Highland Memory Gardens, Apopka.

Mr. Jopling was born March 7, 1917 at Mannsville, Okla., to Thanet Colbert and Edwin Jopling. He attended Chilocco Indian School, where he was

a member of the school fire brigade and was in the National Guard. He graduated from Chilocco in 1935, spent some time in Washington state, then returned to Oklahoma on the eve of World War II.

Mr. Jopling entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 and served as a crew chief on bombers. Following the war's conclusion in 1945, he worked as a civilian aircraft mechanic and remained in the active reserves. He reentered the U.S. Air Force in 1956 and remained in the service until 1974. He served in the Vietnam War.

He enjoyed anything mechanical, liked eating grapefruit for breakfast with his cereal and loved coffee.

Mr. Jopling was a praying, studying Christian man and a member of the Adventist faith. He was a very good Chickasaw who loved to return to the home farm in Oklahoma, welcomed strangers and was always kind and compassionate.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, of the home; two sons, Richard Jopling, Orlando, Florida, and Robert Jopling, Saint Cloud, Florida; a daughter, Ramona Bowers, Los Angeles; five grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and three step-great-grandchildren; his stepfamily, Joe Crawford and Beverly Doten, both of Longwood, Florida, Betty Reutebuck, Arcadia, Indi-

ana, Shirley Menhennett, Collegedale, Tenn., Judy Alsip, Hixson, Tenn., and Don Crawford, Altamonte Springs, Florida;

eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## Loving Memories



In Loving Memory of Melissa and Marcus Tanner Bird. Killed in a car wreck 10-17-03 on Oxford Road, Mulvane, Kan.

### Loving Memories

Your gentle faces and painted smiles with sadness we recall, you had a kindly word for each and died beloved by all. The voice is mute and stilled the heart that loved as well and true. Ah, bitter was the trial to part from one as good as you. You have not been forgotten loved one, nor will you ever be, as long as life and memory last we will remember thee.

We miss you now and our hearts are sore as time goes by we miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant place.

Our hearts still ache at the loss of two very dear and special people. They had hearts of gold. Melissa is using her beautiful song bird voice with God now. T. Bird is playing football, riding a motorcycle, and jumping stars. God graciously opened his arms and accepted his two beautiful children. They are angels now. We still have pain that is so deep, for we have lost two very dear and special people who meant the world to us. You will always be in our hearts and minds. May God keep you both until we meet again.

Your loving family,

Husband - father, John F. Bird; son - brother, John Rodger Bird; mother - granny, Marilyn Whittington; dad - paw, Rodger Dale Whittington; brother - uncle, Rodger Wade Whittington;

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